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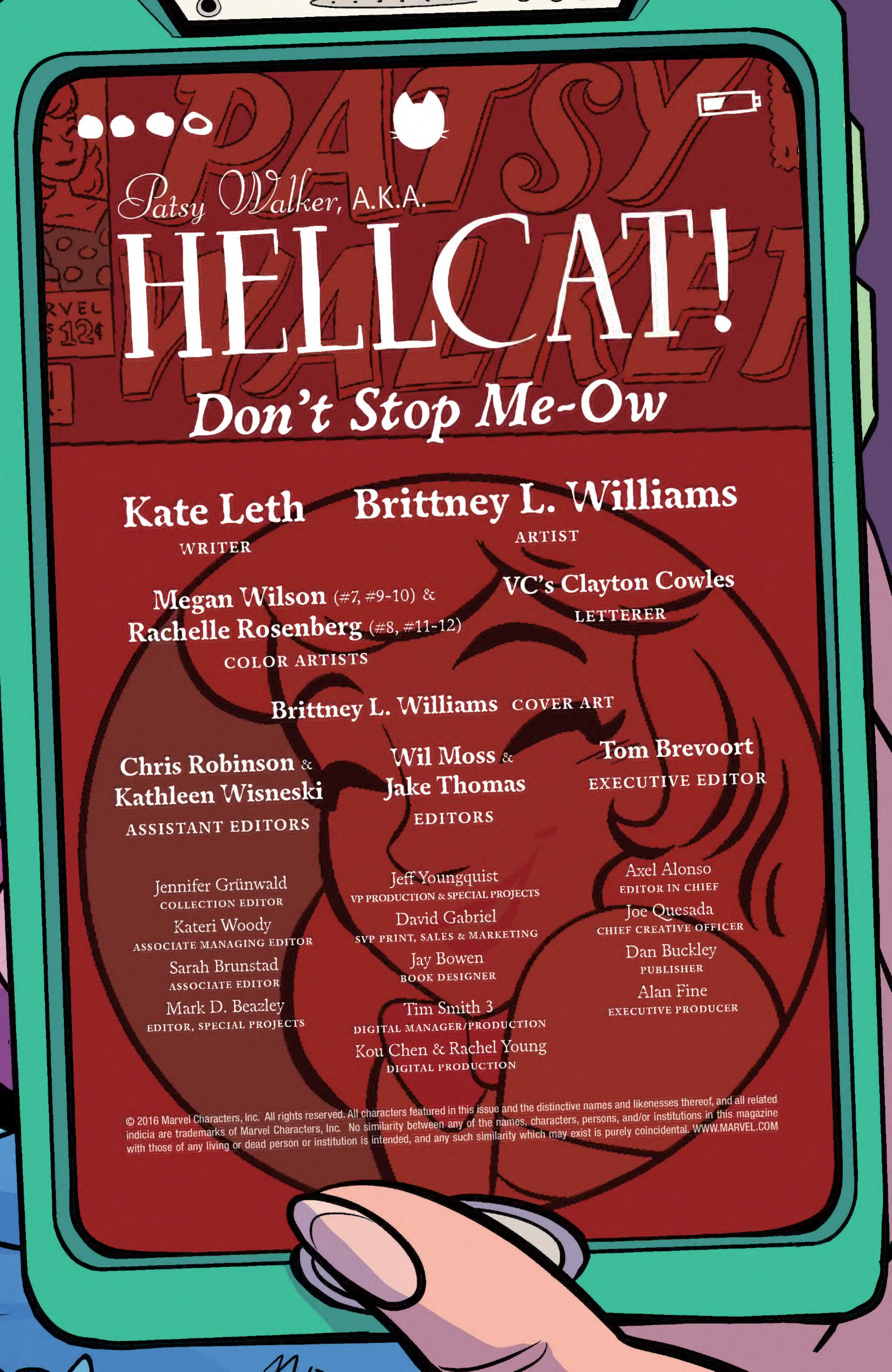
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Patsy Walker used to work as an investigator for *She-Hulk*. Got laid off. Moving on.

That's me!



Jessica Jones

Tired of the problems Patsy has been causing her, Hedy has hired a private investigator (*Jessica Jones!*) to dig up some dirt on Patsy...



She's been bunking with her buddy *Ian Soo* and saving up to launch a temp agency for super-powered people who aren't really interested in the hero business.



But Patsy's plans were put on hold when her high school frenemy *Hedy Wolfe* got the publishing rights to relaunch a series of embarrassing comics starring teenage Patsy and written by Patsy's late mom.



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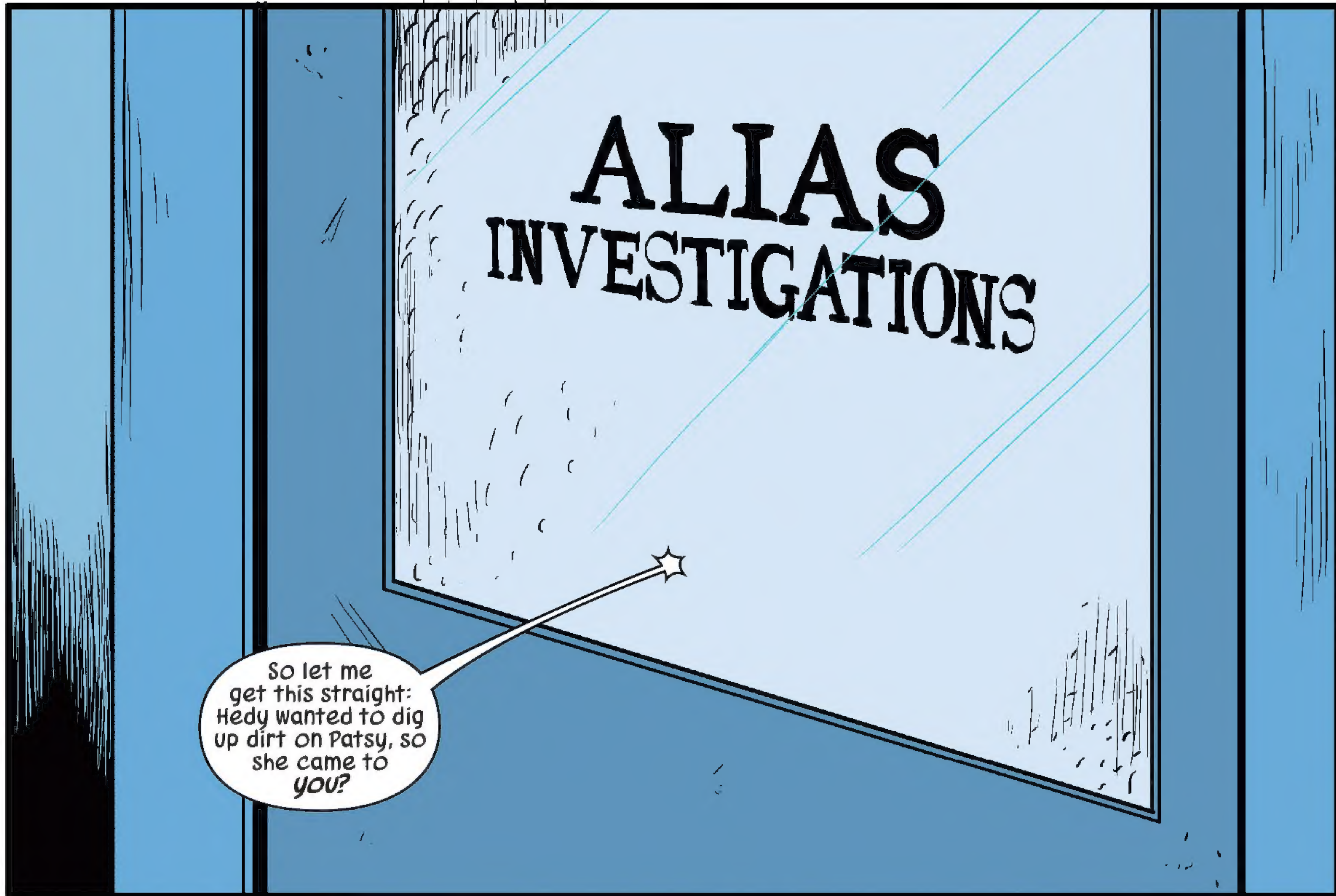
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So let me
get this straight:
Hedy wanted to dig
up dirt on Patsy, so
she came to
you?



Life's funny,
isn't it? She found
my name online. I
don't think she
knows.

That's...
wow.

Wait, hold
on. Back up. You
two've met? And what
doesn't Hedy
know?

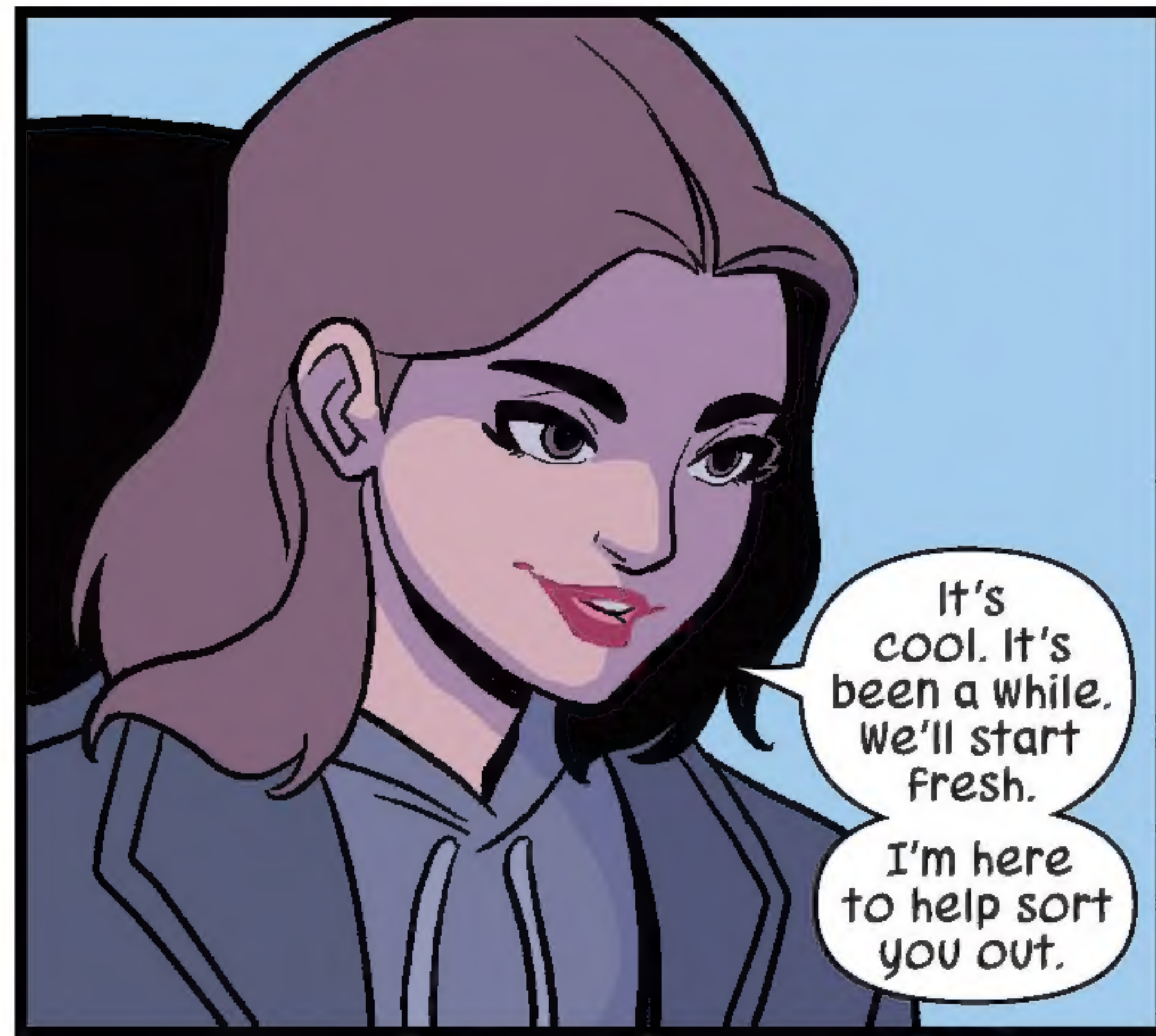


C'mon,
Patsy, you know
Jess. *Jessica Jones?*
You were at her
wedding!

To Luke
Cage? You offered
to babysit their
daughter at one
point!

I
don't think
so!

I feel like
I'd remember
that.



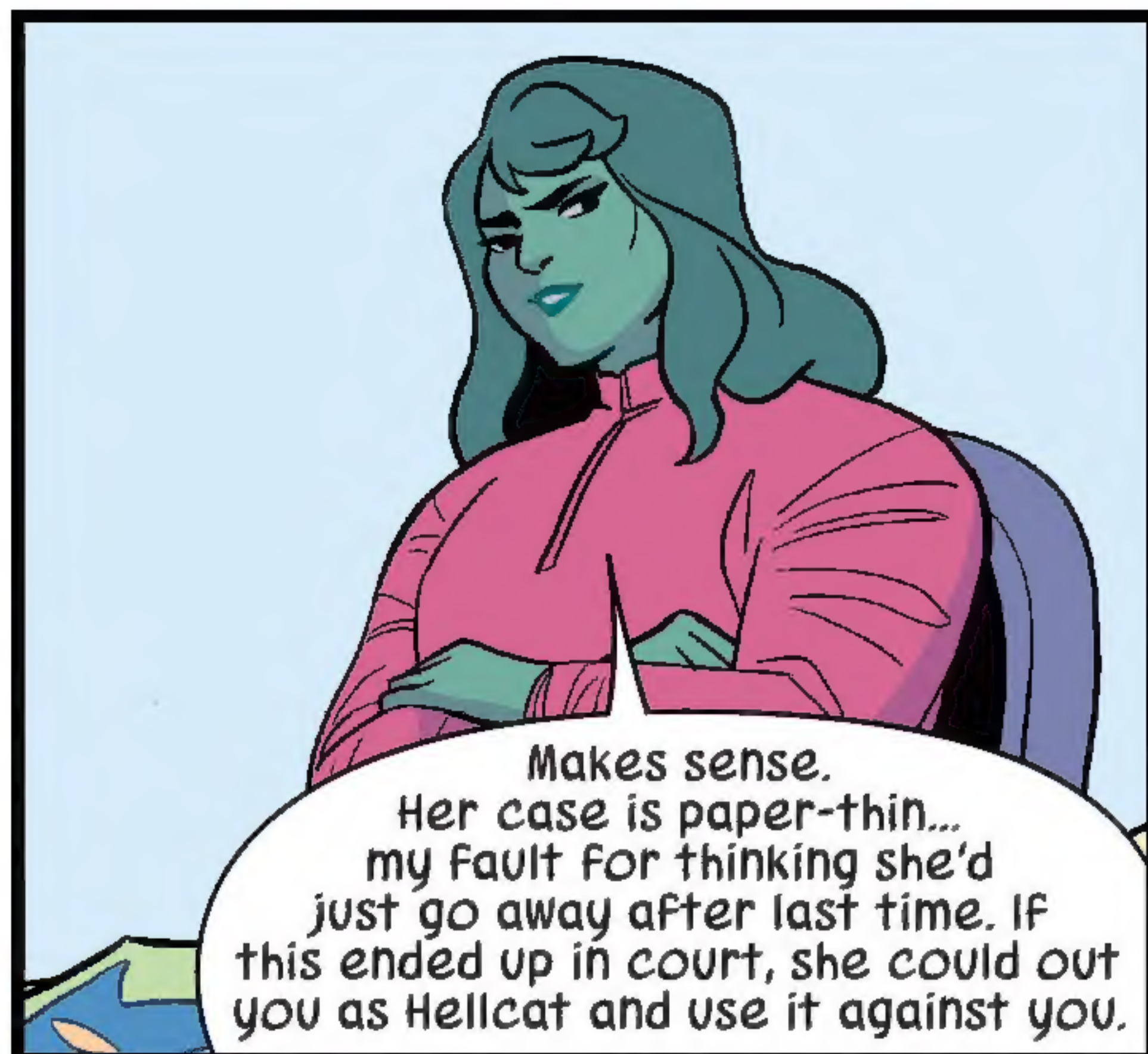
It's
cool. It's
been a while.
We'll start
fresh.

I'm here
to help sort
you out.



Your old pal Hedy Wolfe came to me with a sizable offer if I could find evidence to discredit you enough that she'd have no problem contesting your rights to these comics.

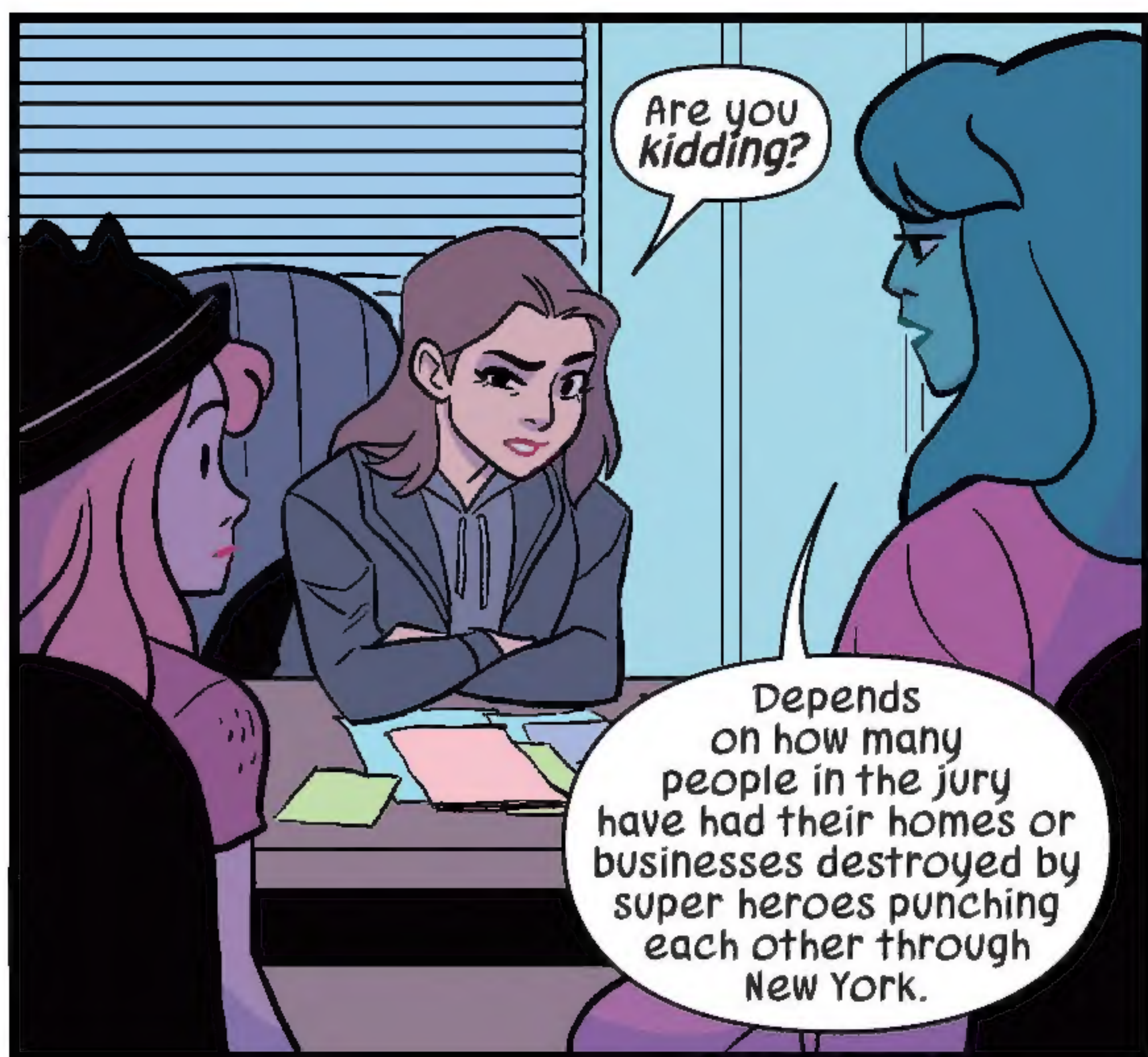
And as you can tell from these photos I took, it wasn't hard to find some evidence.



Makes sense. Her case is paper-thin... my fault for thinking she'd just go away after last time. If this ended up in court, she could out you as Hellcat and use it against you.



Obviously I'd rather keep it to myself, but, I mean...I'm a good guy. How can they use that against me? Doesn't that kind of make me *more* sympathetic?



Are you kidding?

Depends on how many people in the jury have had their homes or businesses destroyed by super heroes punching each other through New York.

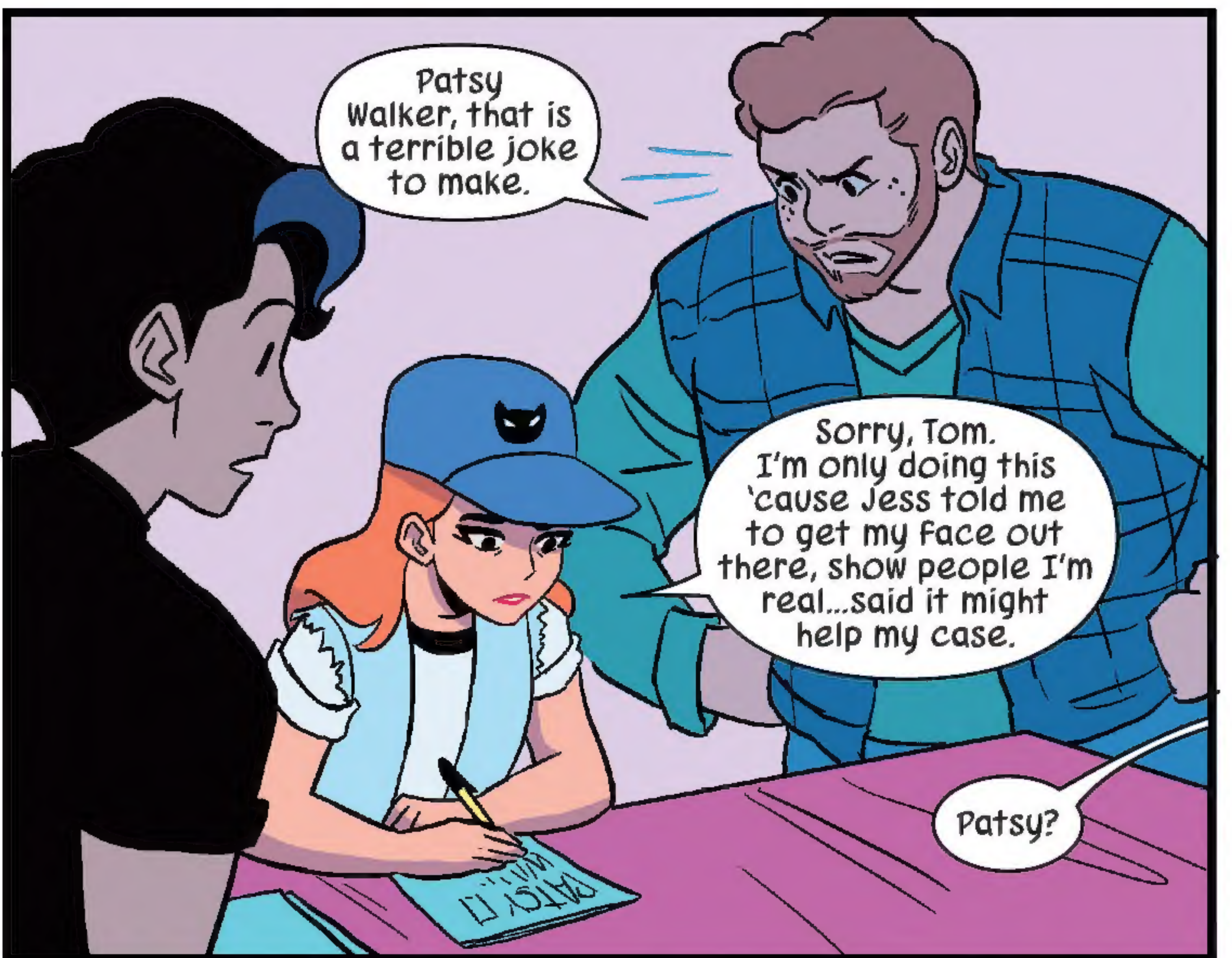


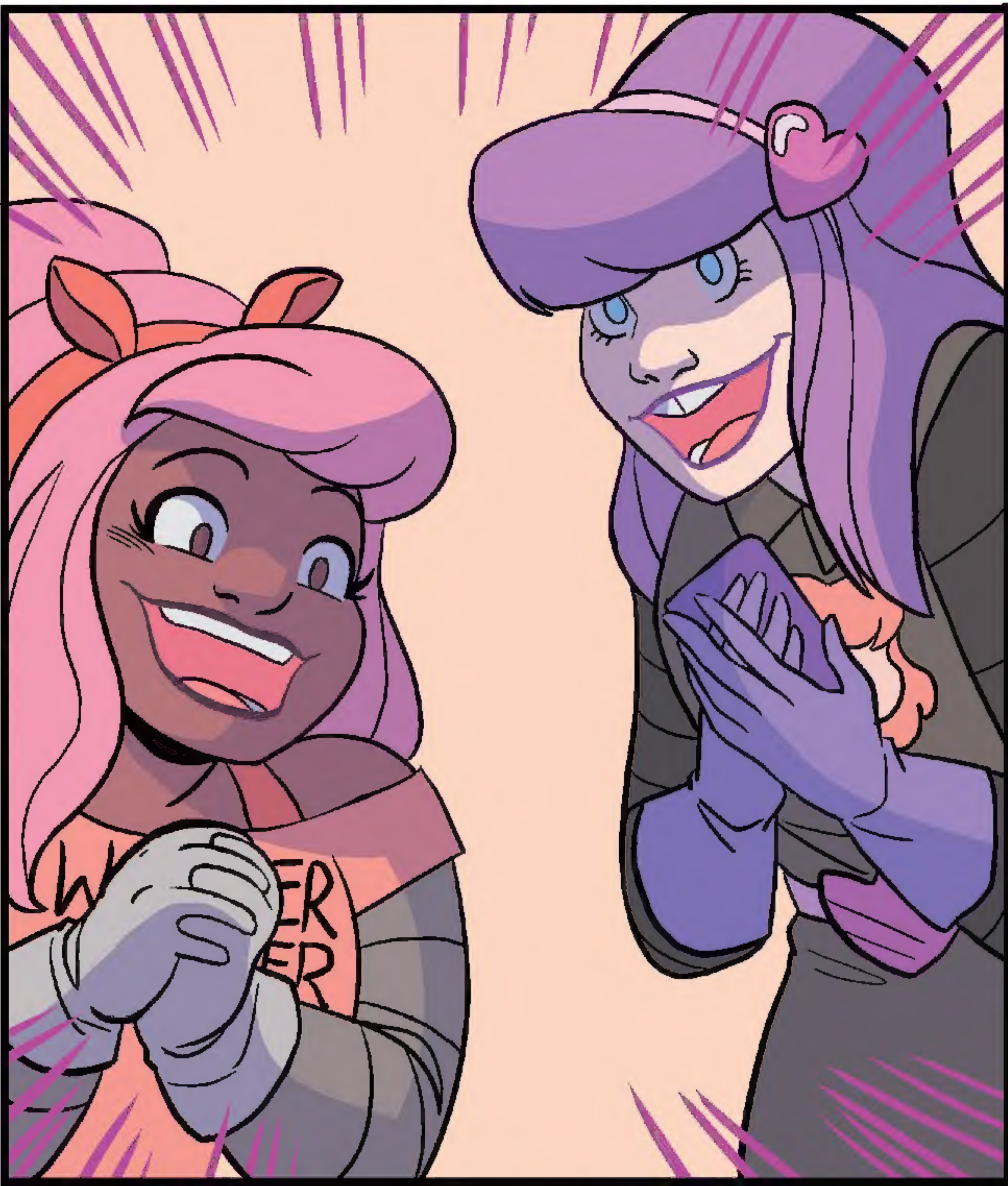
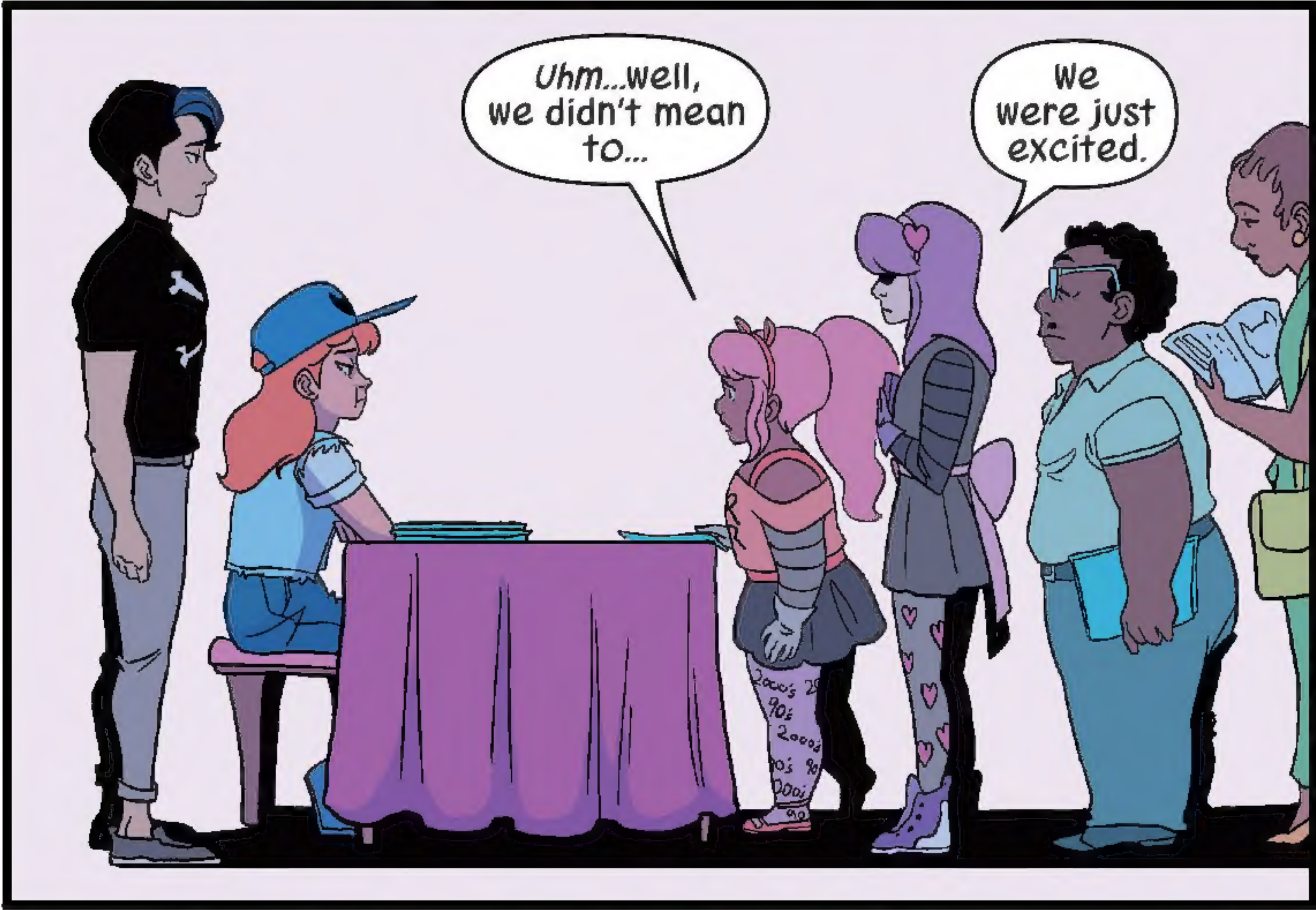
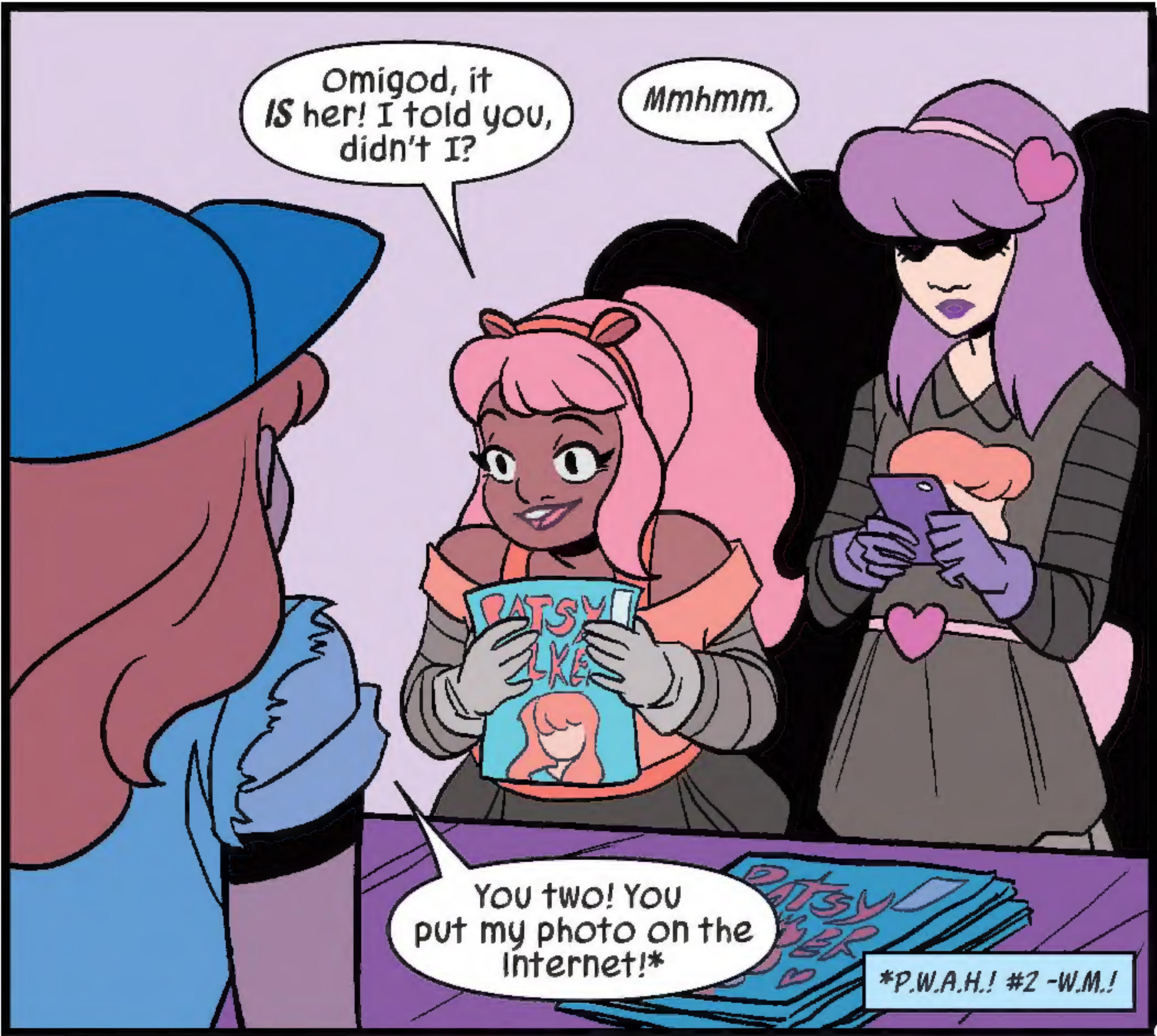
And how many of the ones who wrecked half the city last week are currently working for you.

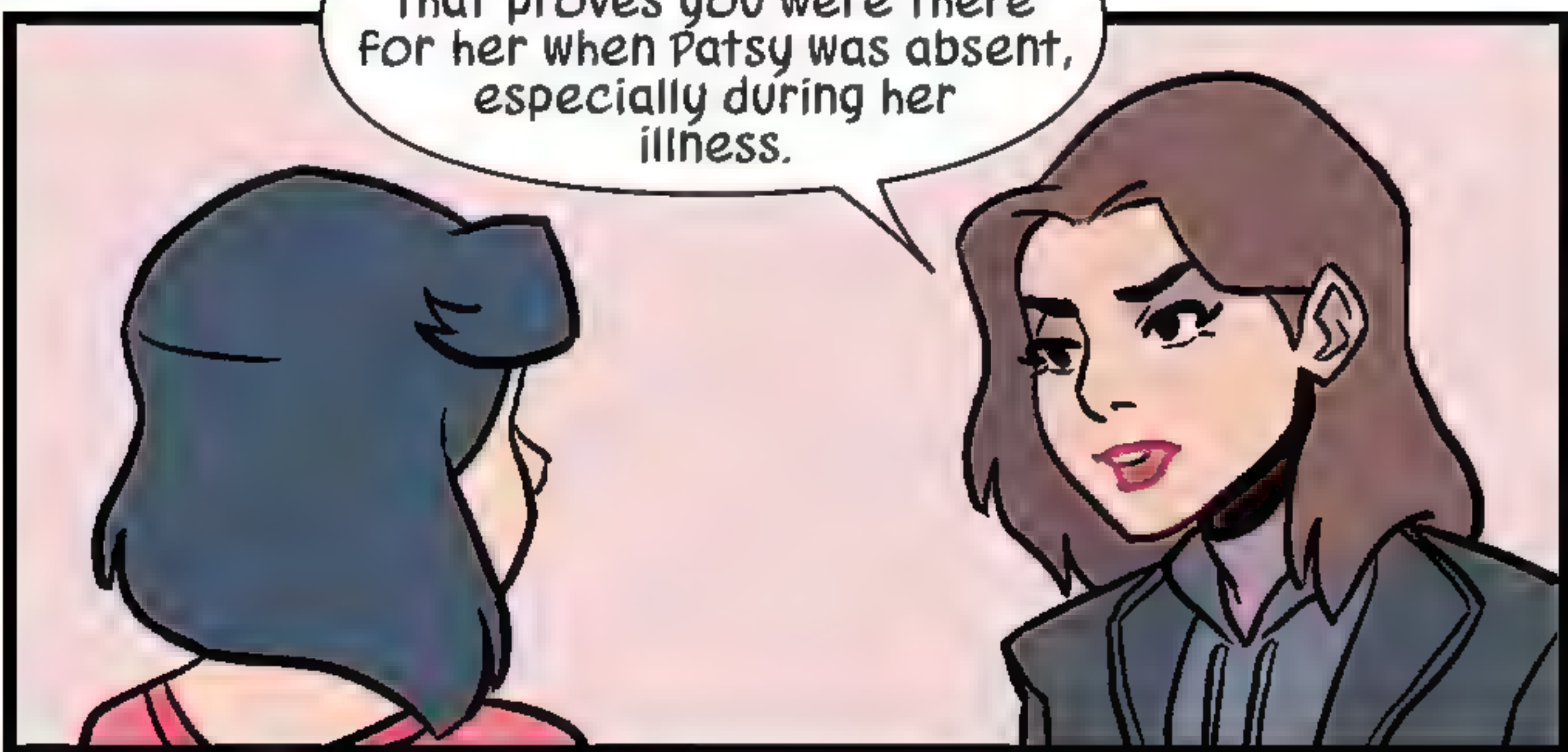
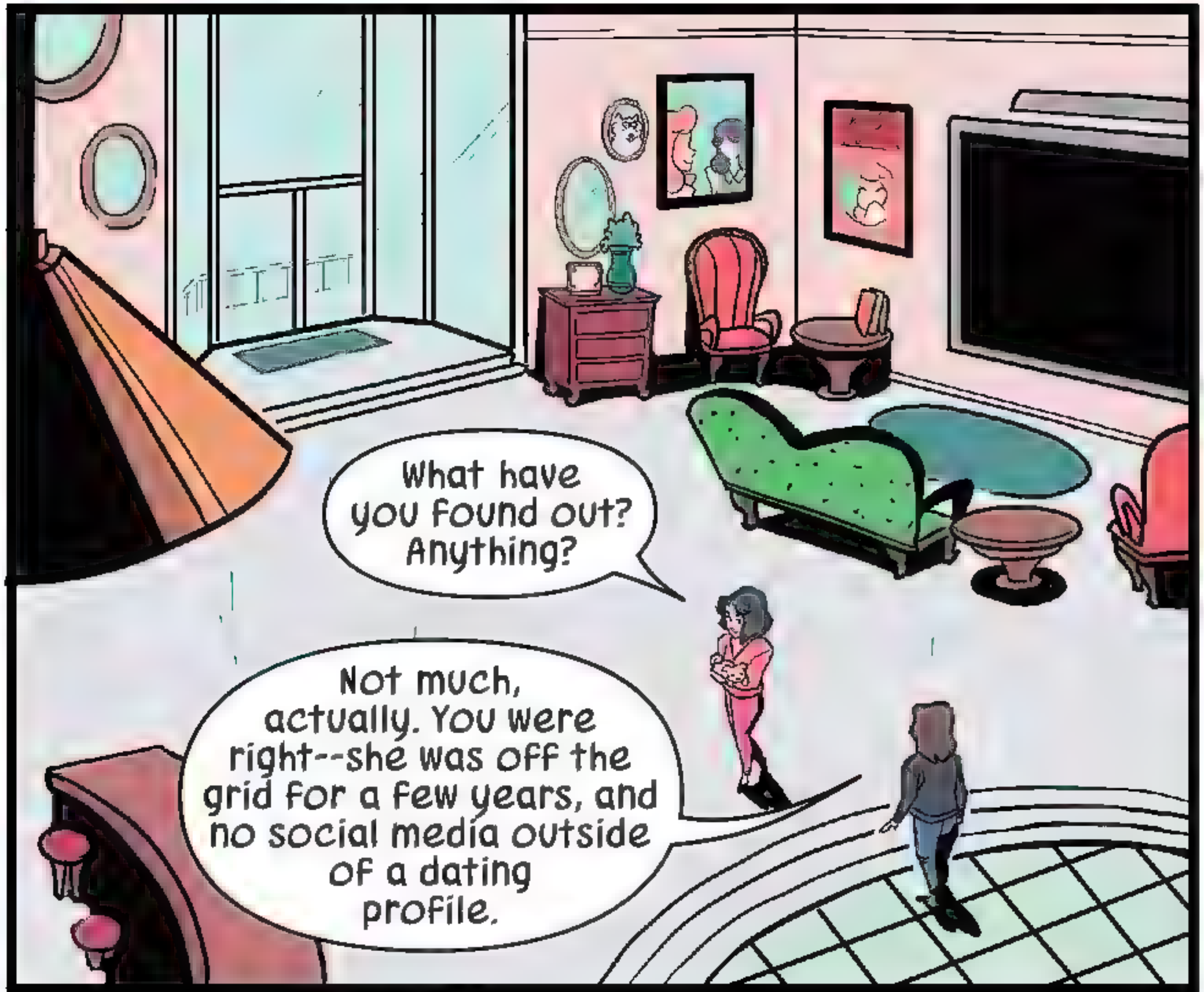
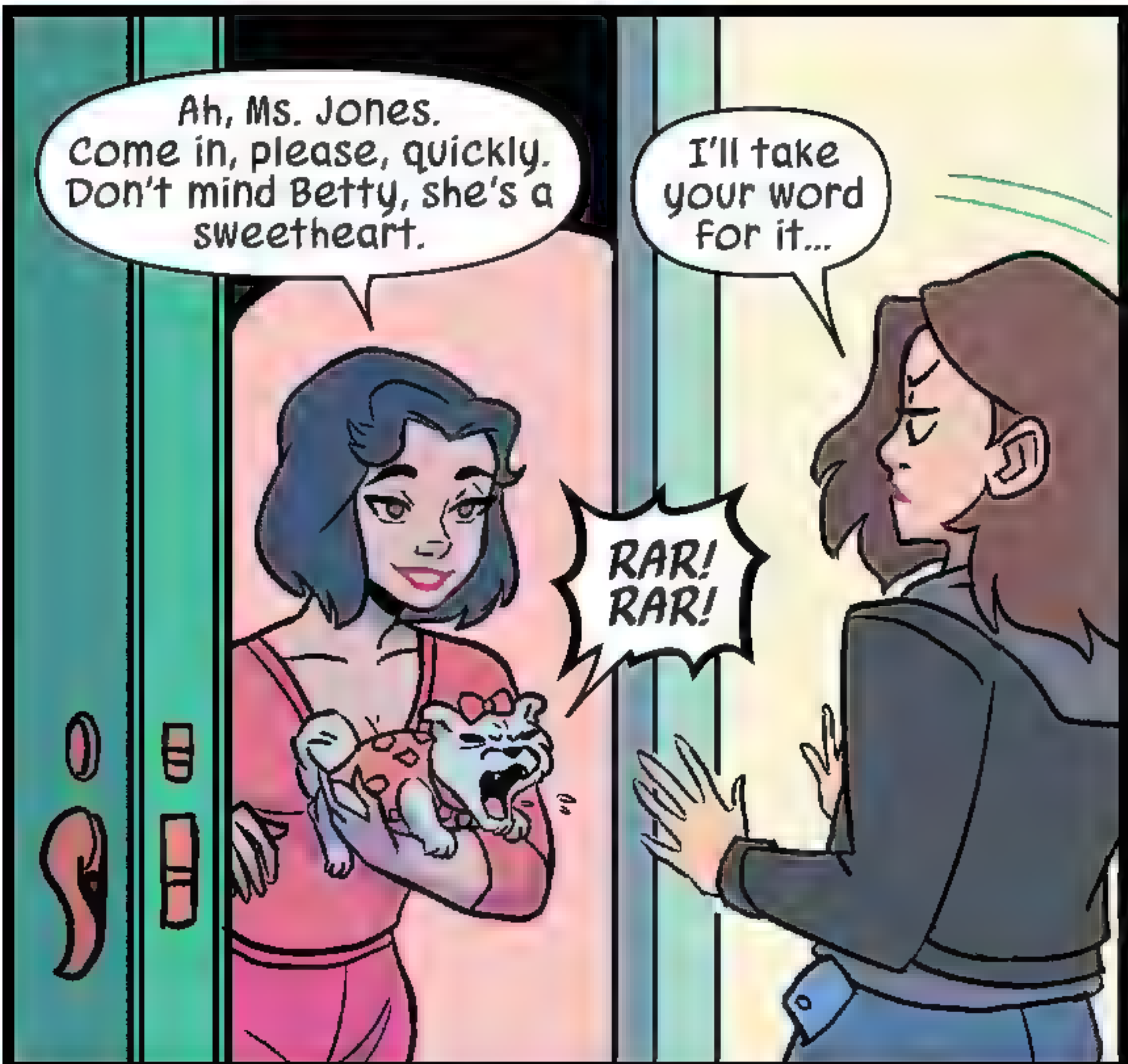
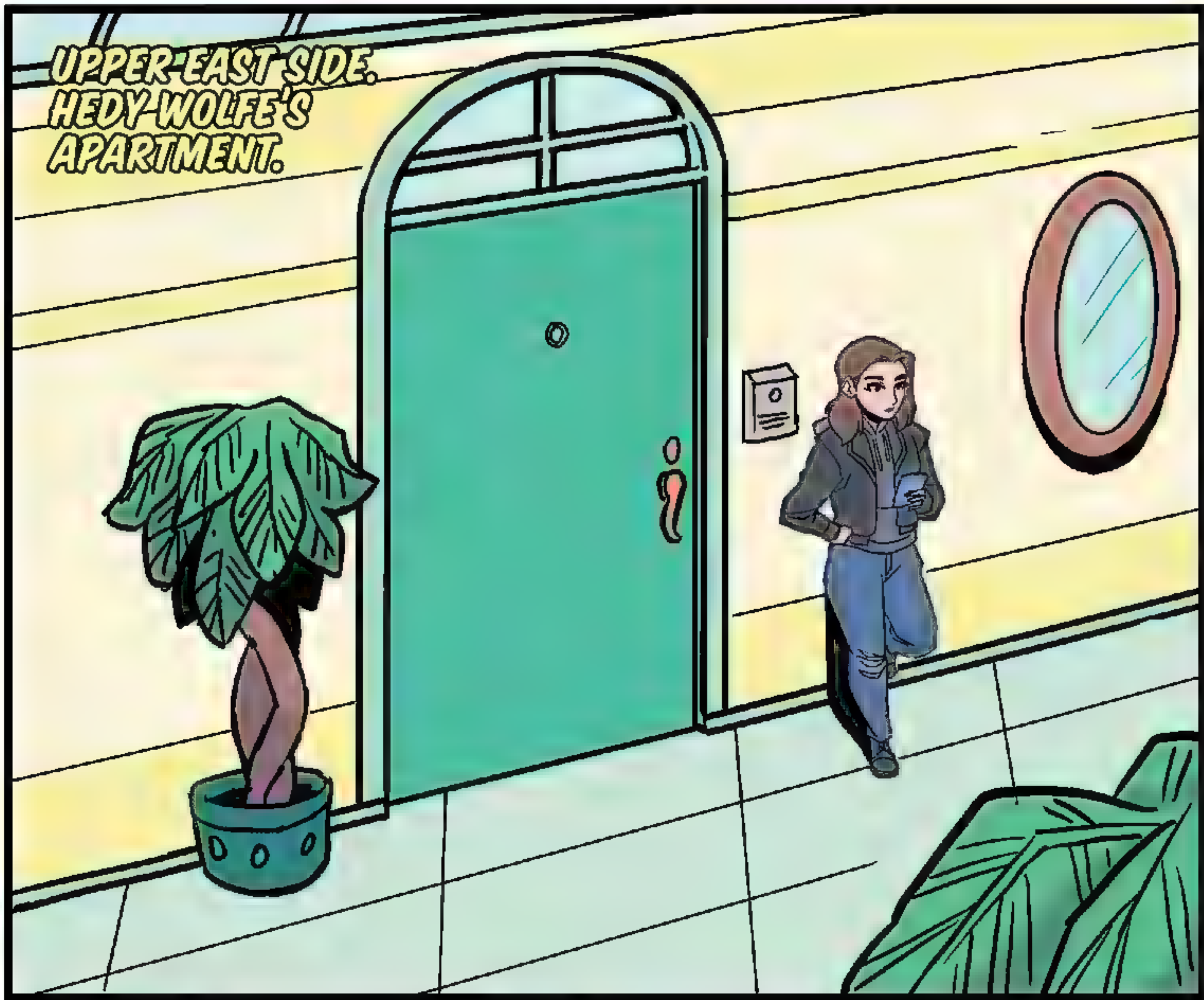


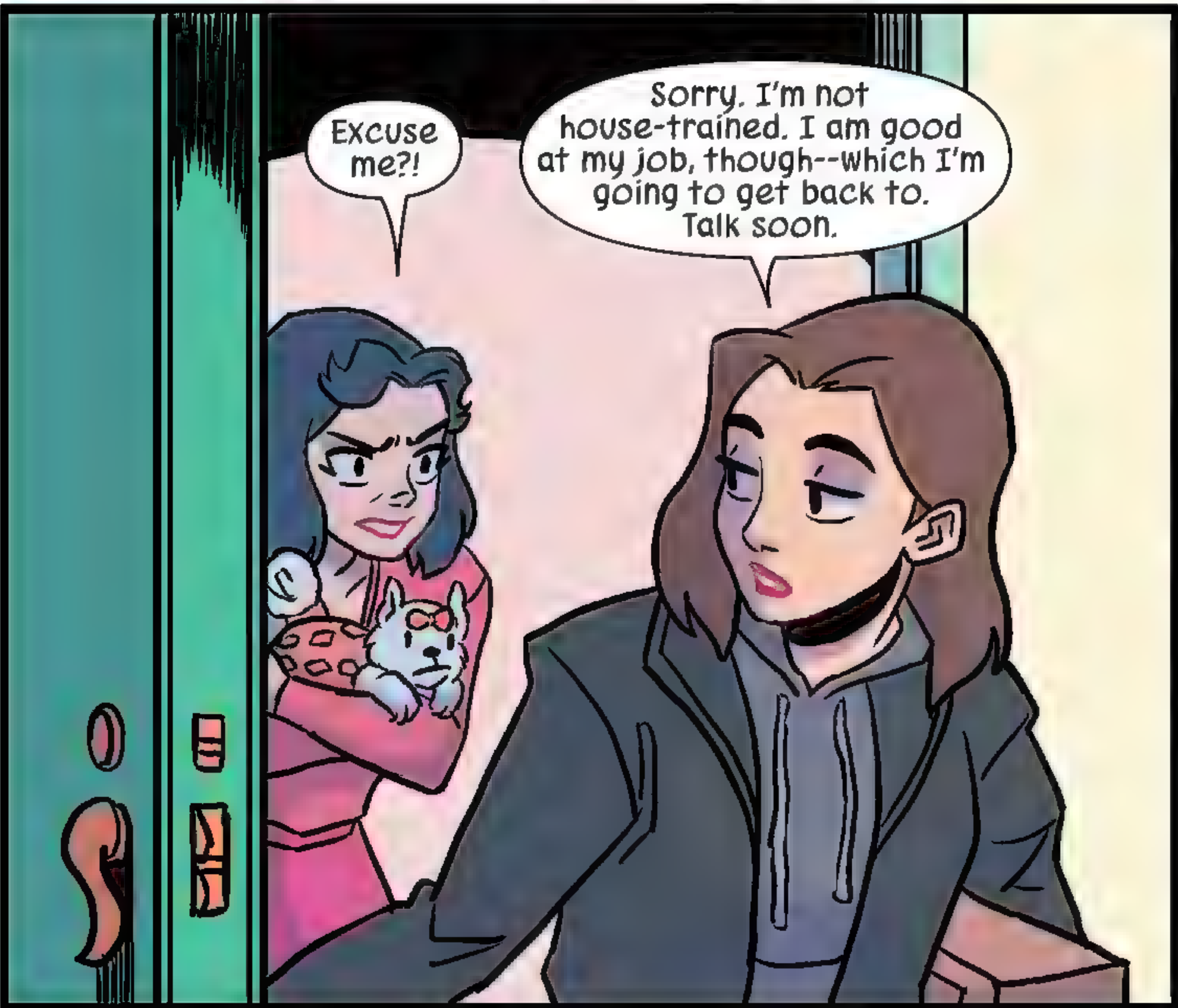
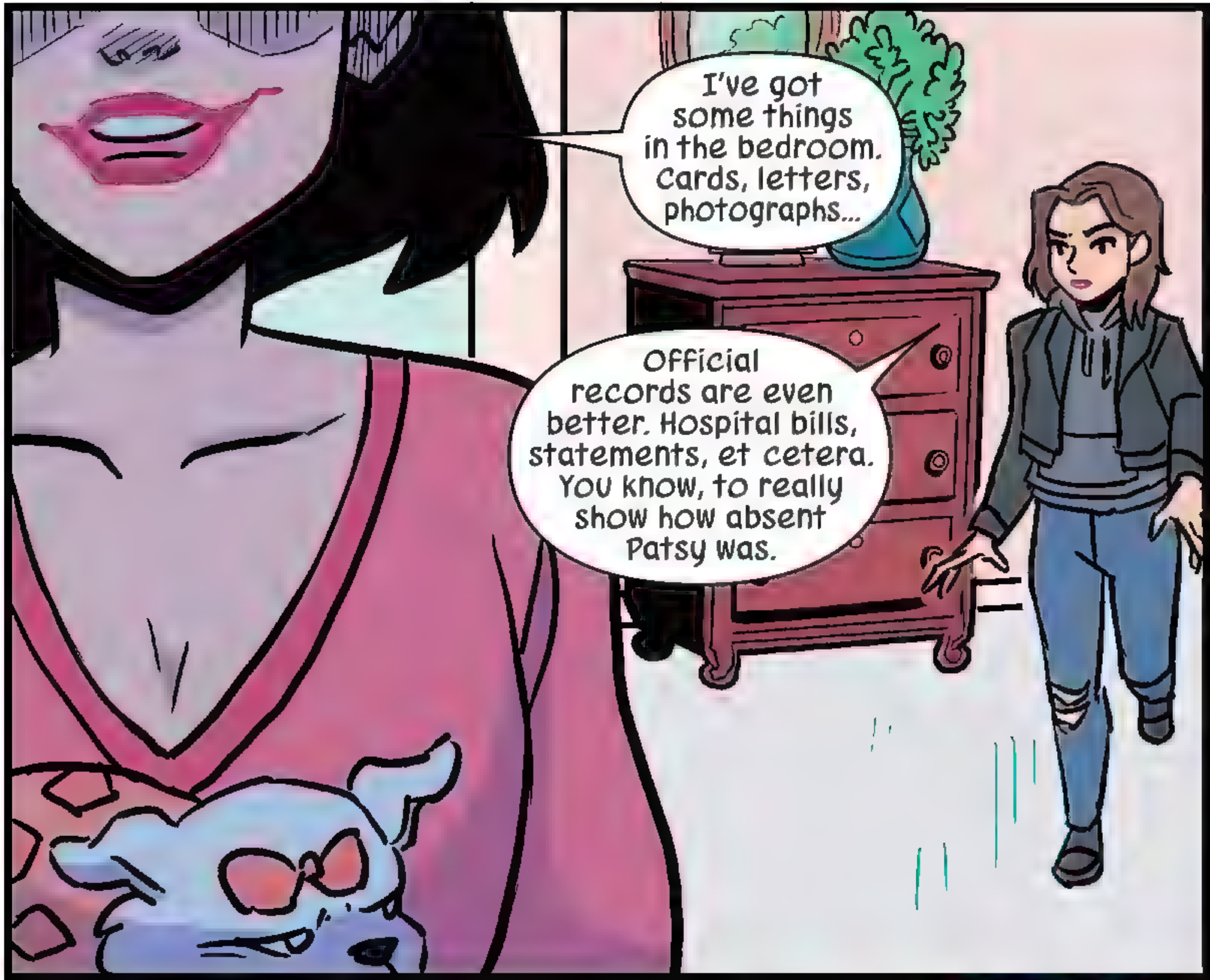
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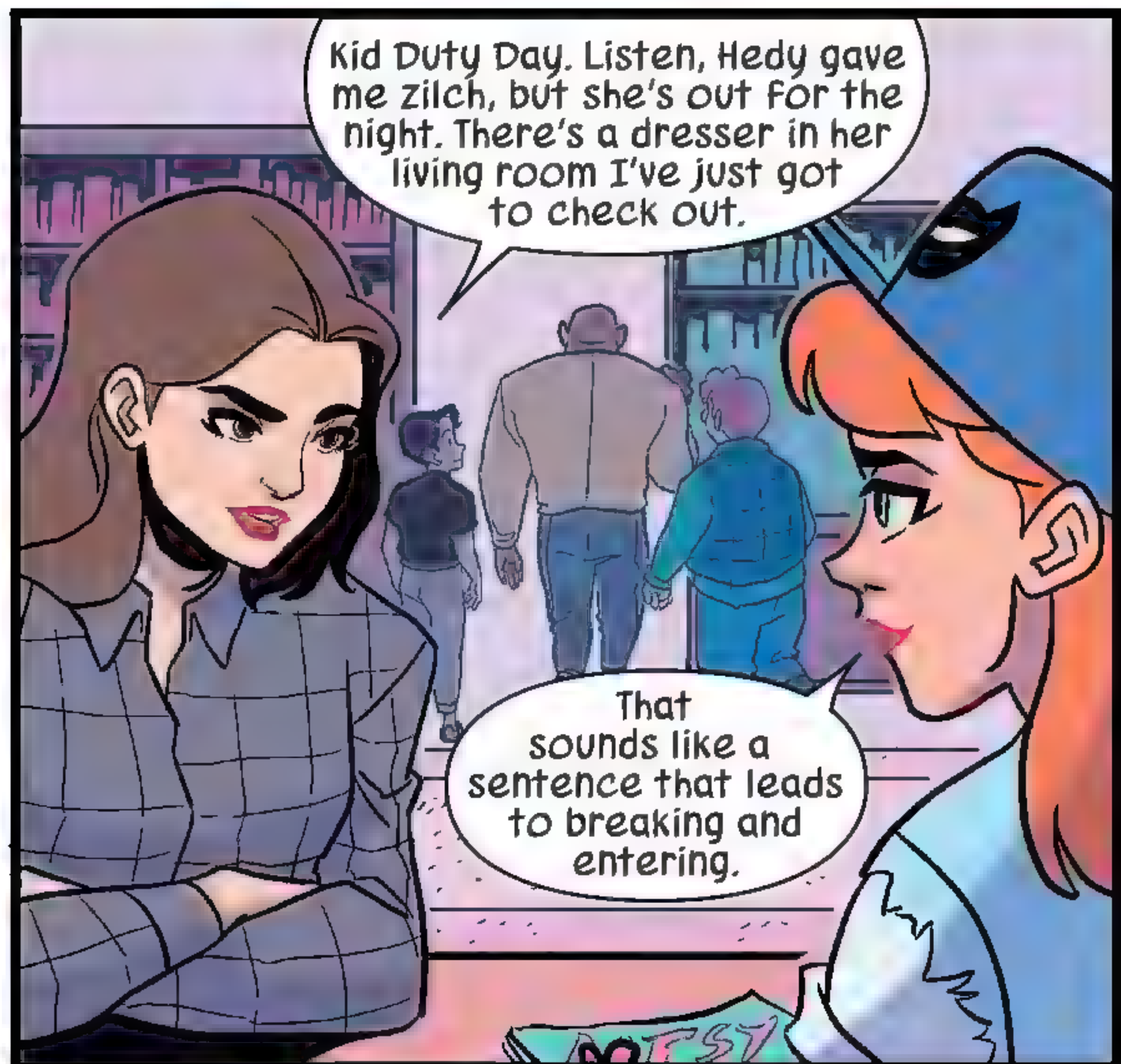
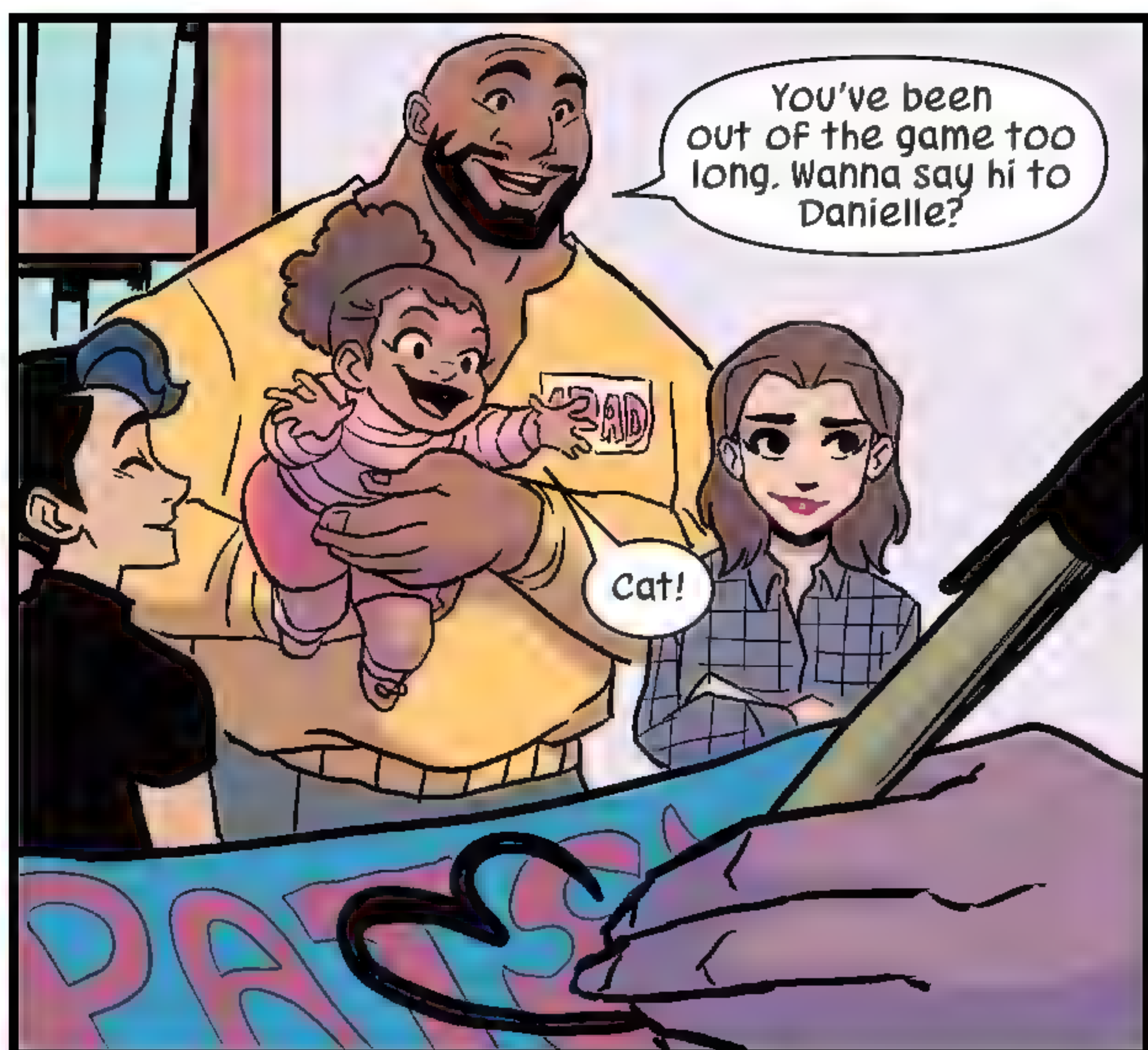
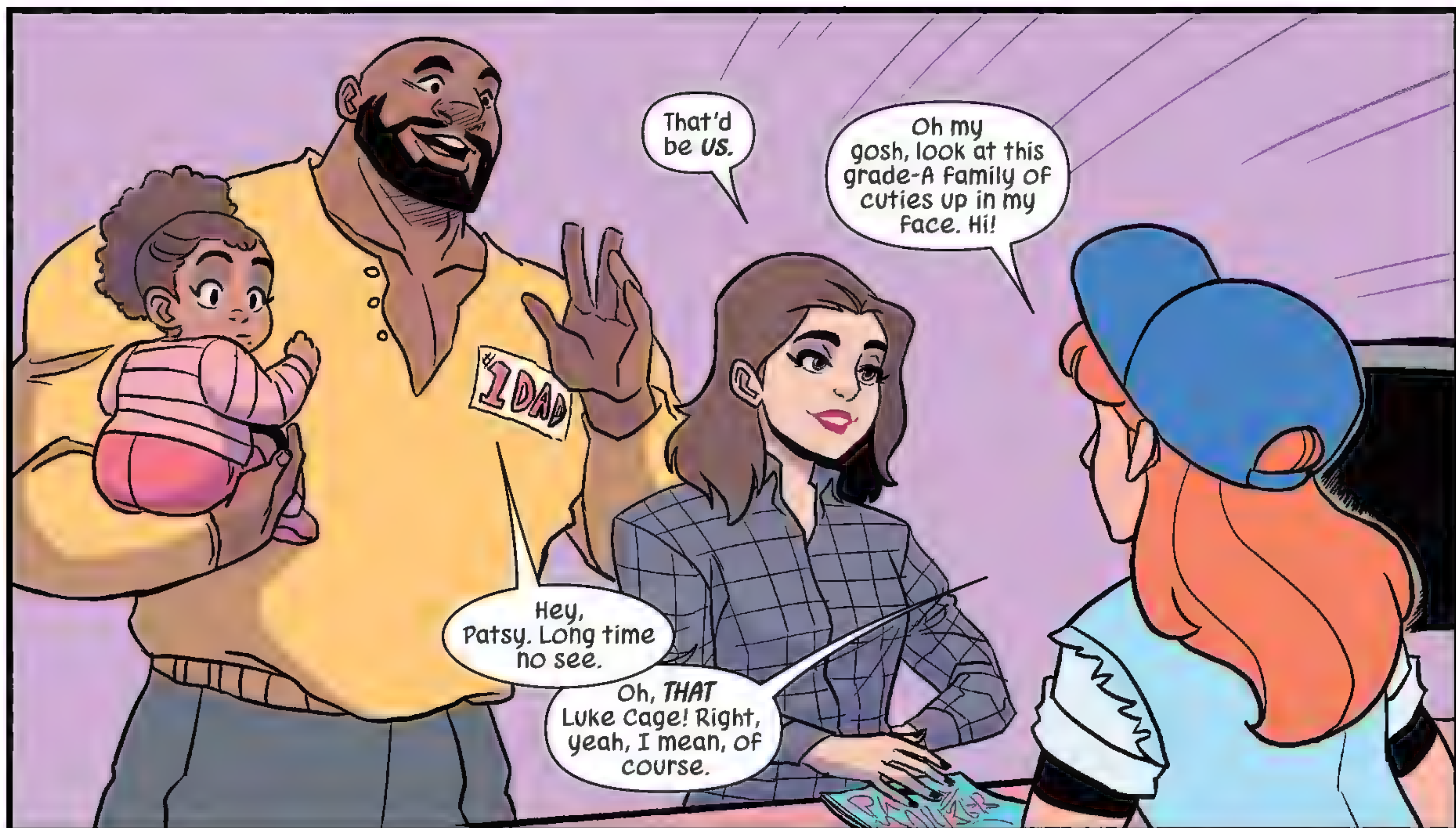




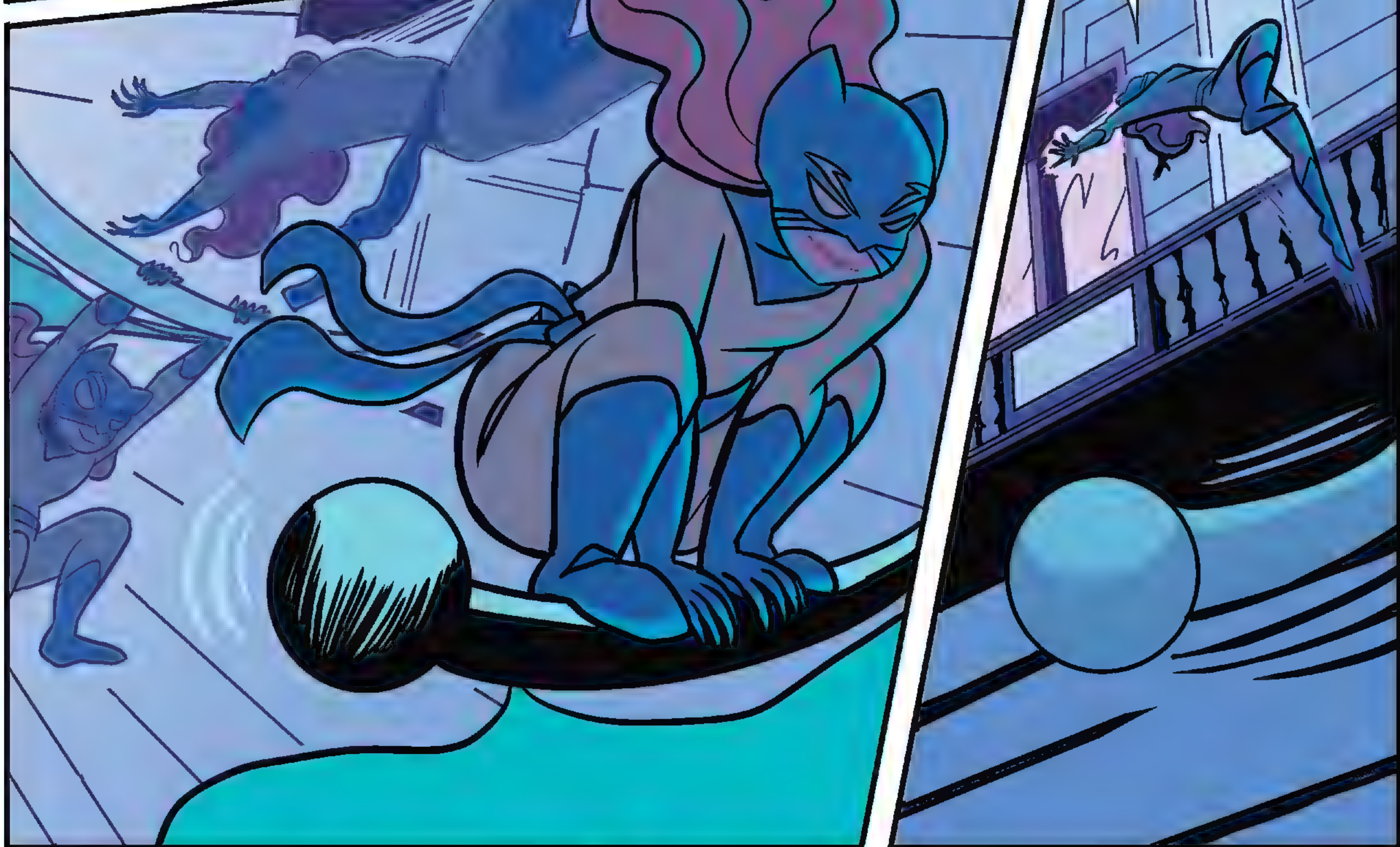




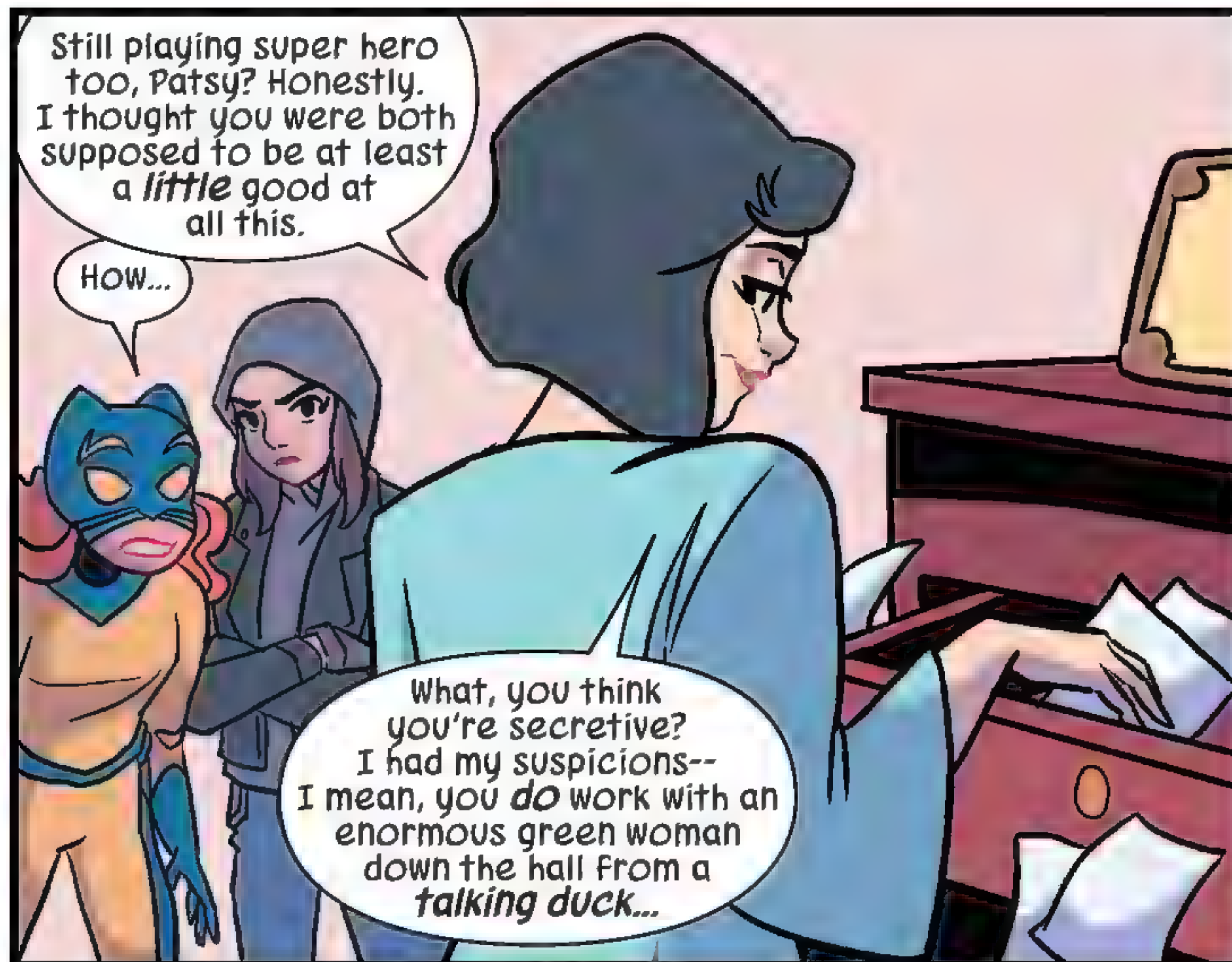


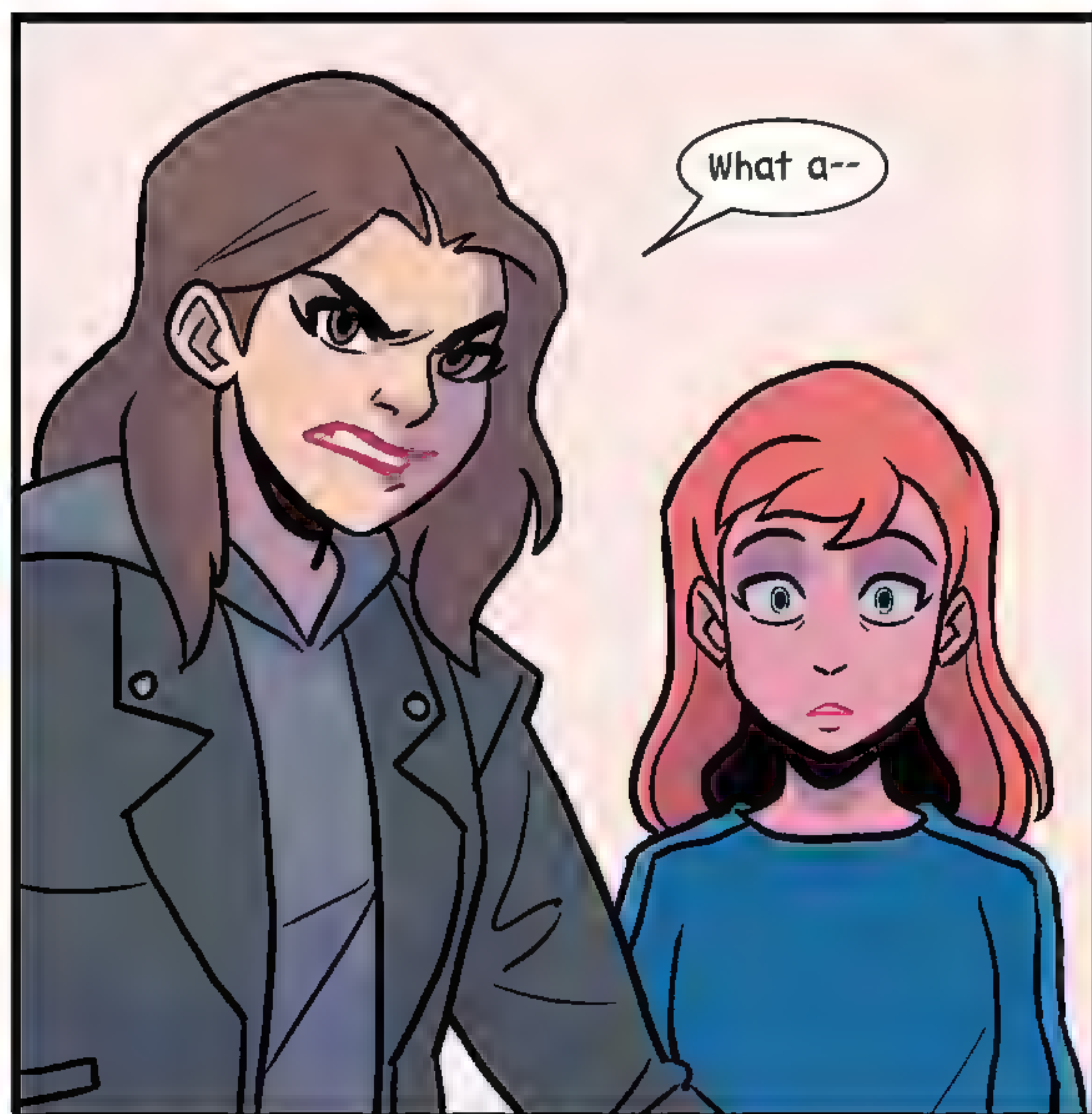
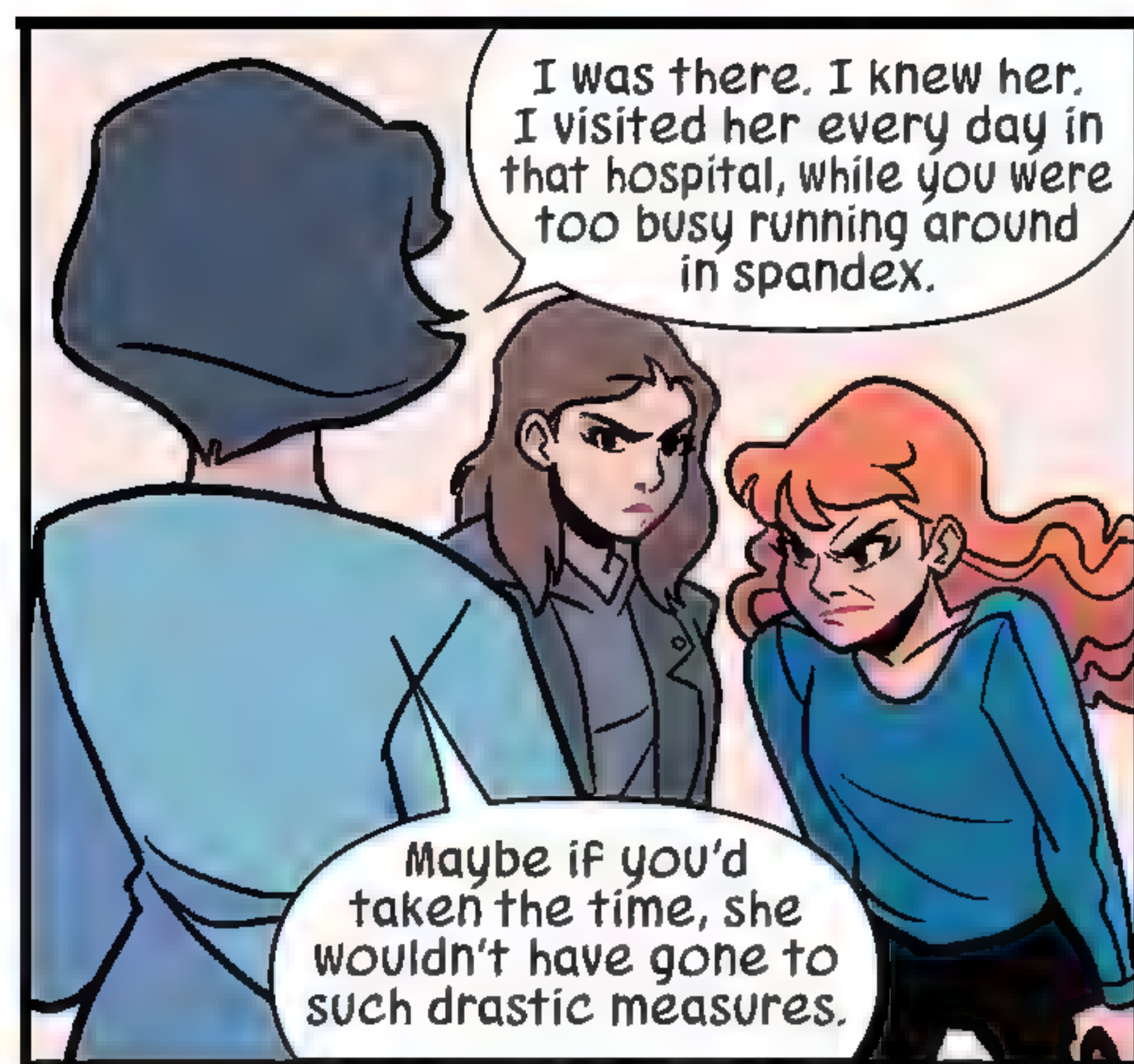




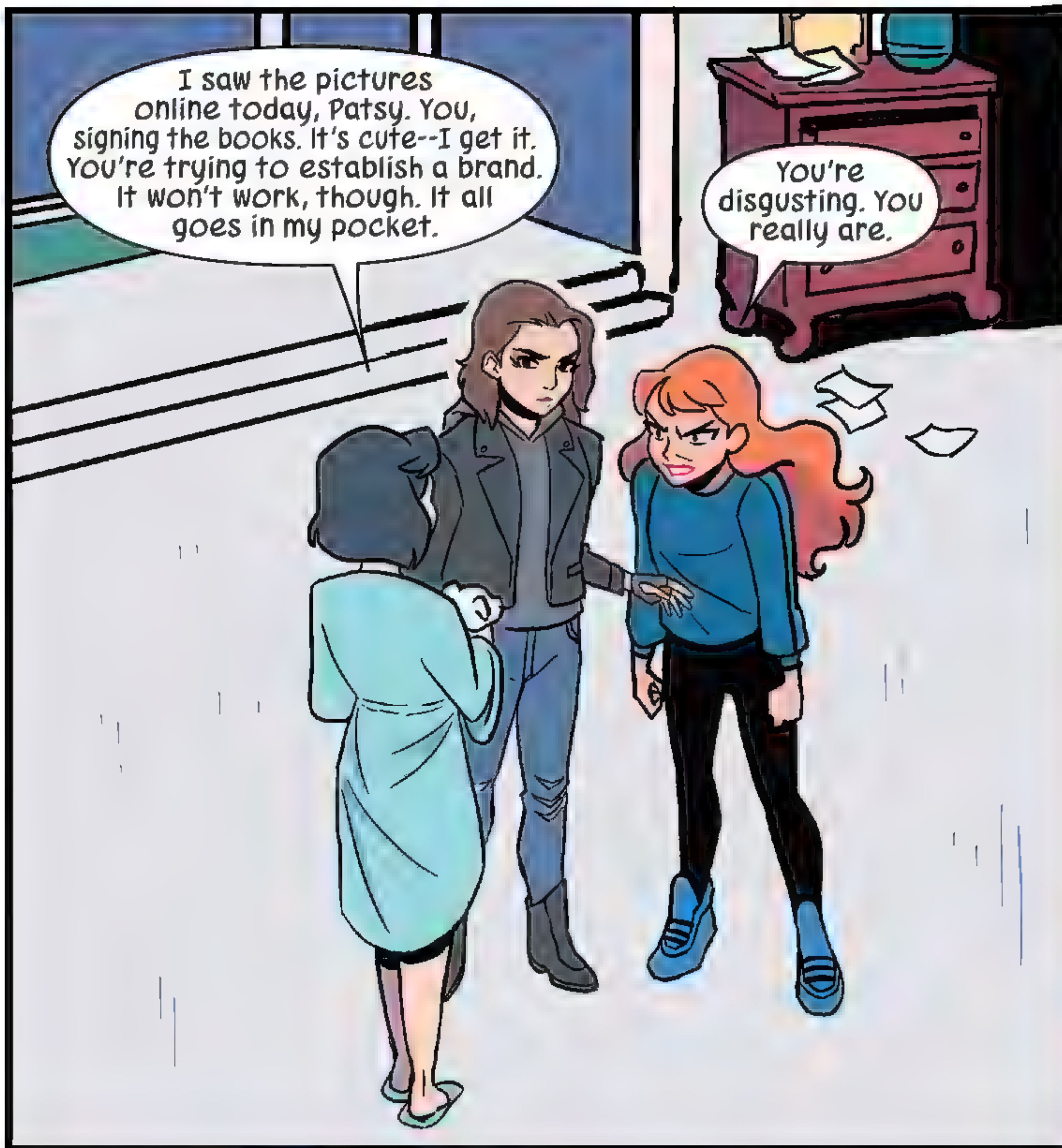












I saw the pictures online today, Patsy. You, signing the books. It's cute--I get it. You're trying to establish a brand. It won't work, though. It all goes in my pocket.

You're disgusting. You really are.



I'm not, I'm just trying--

Hey, shut up for a second.



Yeah?

Uh-huh. Oh, wow. 'Kay.

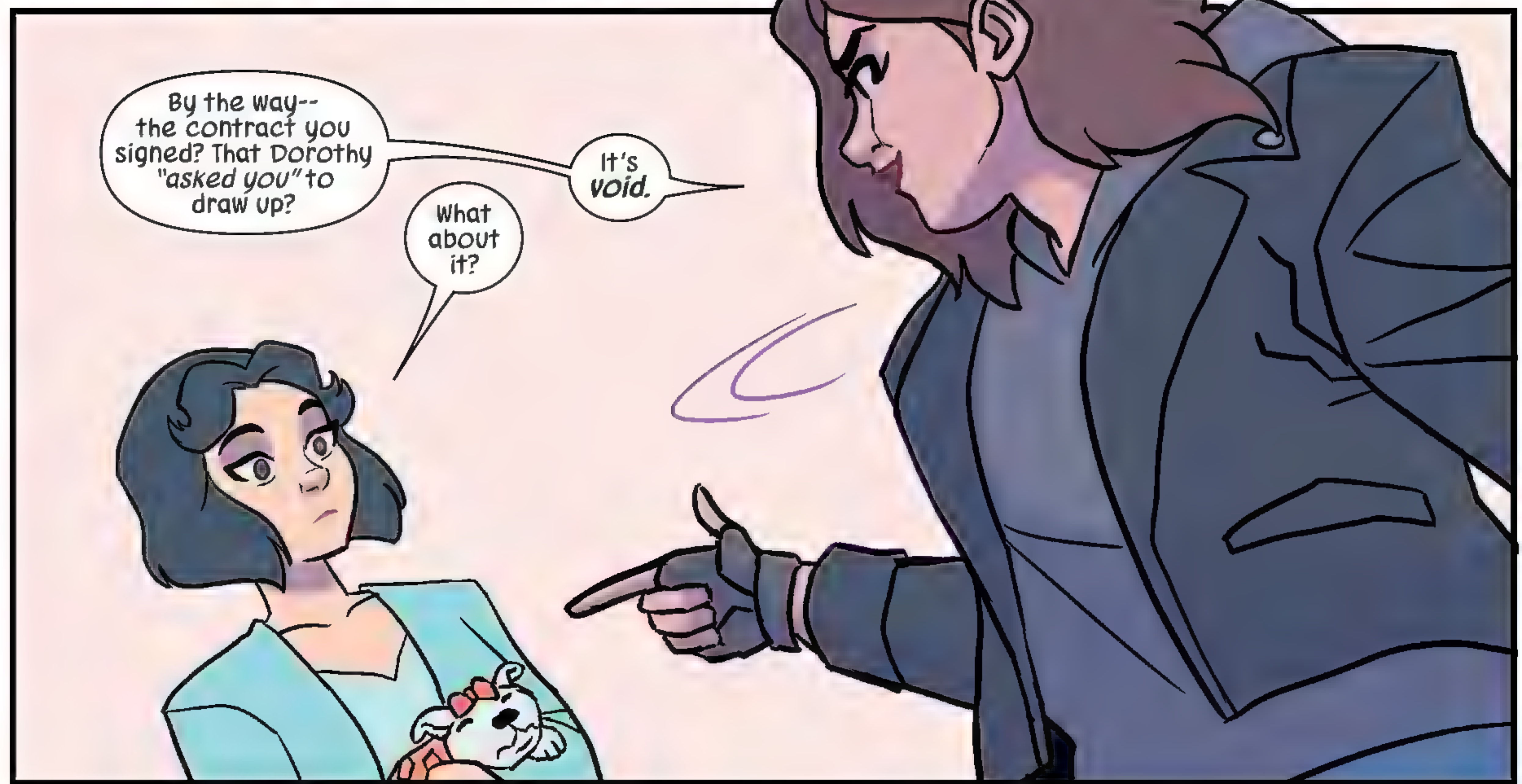
Thanks, Jen. Yeah, you too.

Um, excuse me? We're kind of in the middle of something.



Well, Hedy, it's been a blast, but I think we're gonna go. Late night, and all that.

Uh, Jess?



By the way-- the contract you signed? That Dorothy "asked you" to draw up?

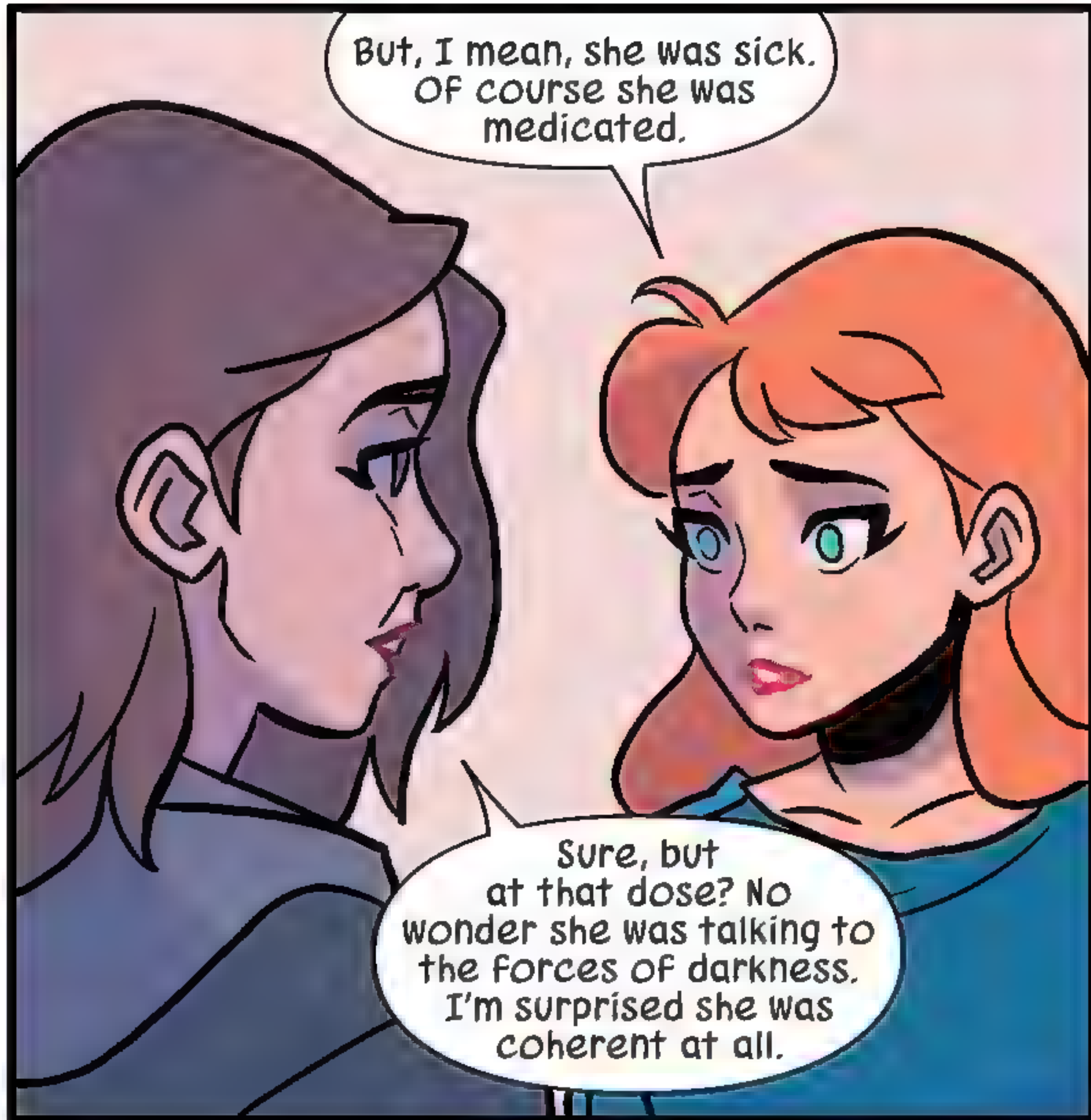
What about it?

It's void.



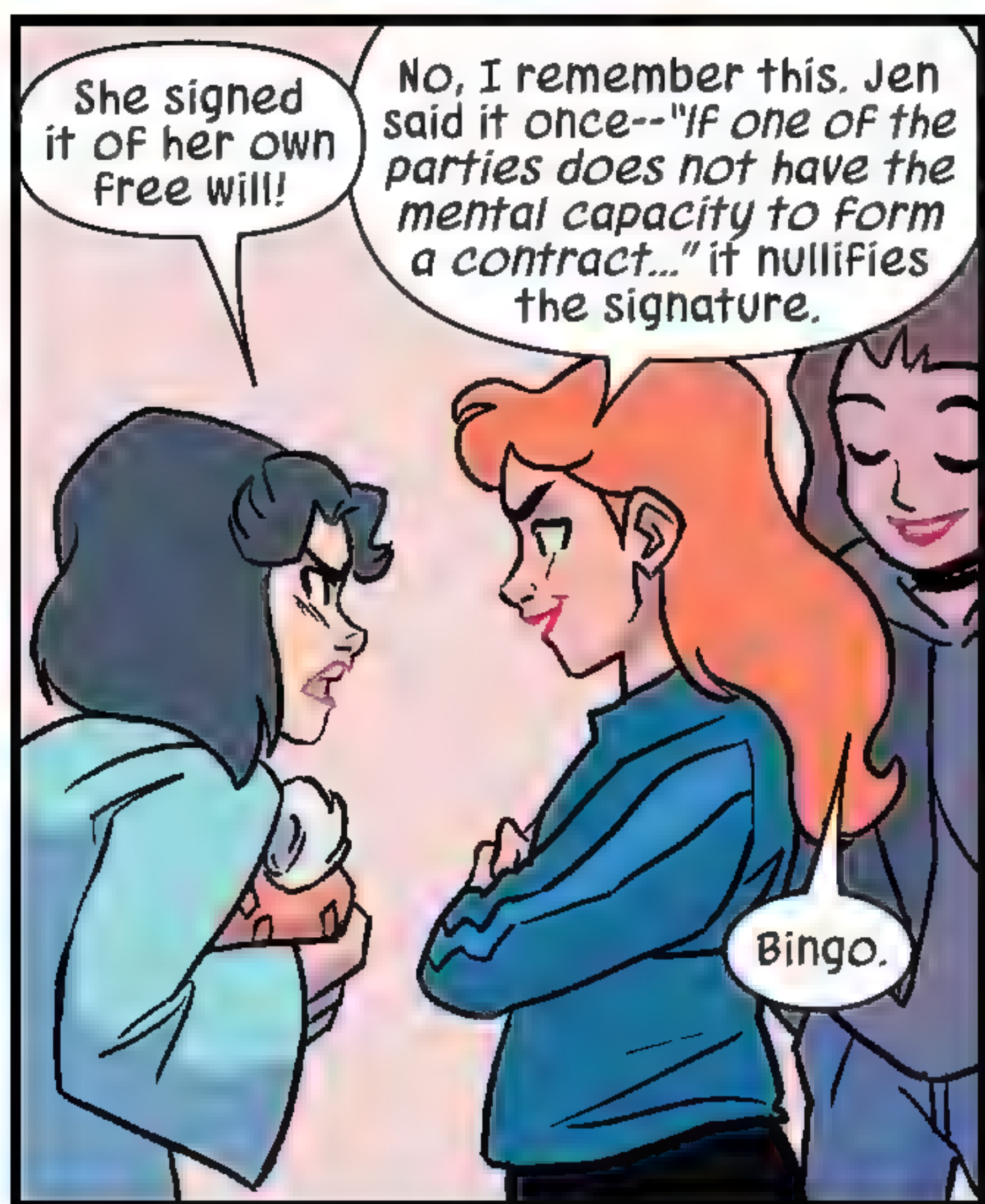
What...
what does that
mean?

It means that Dorothy Walker was
on a heavy morphine drip the day she
signed that contract--and, apparently,
the day she tried to arrange
your little demon
wedding.



But, I mean, she was sick.
Of course she was
medicated.

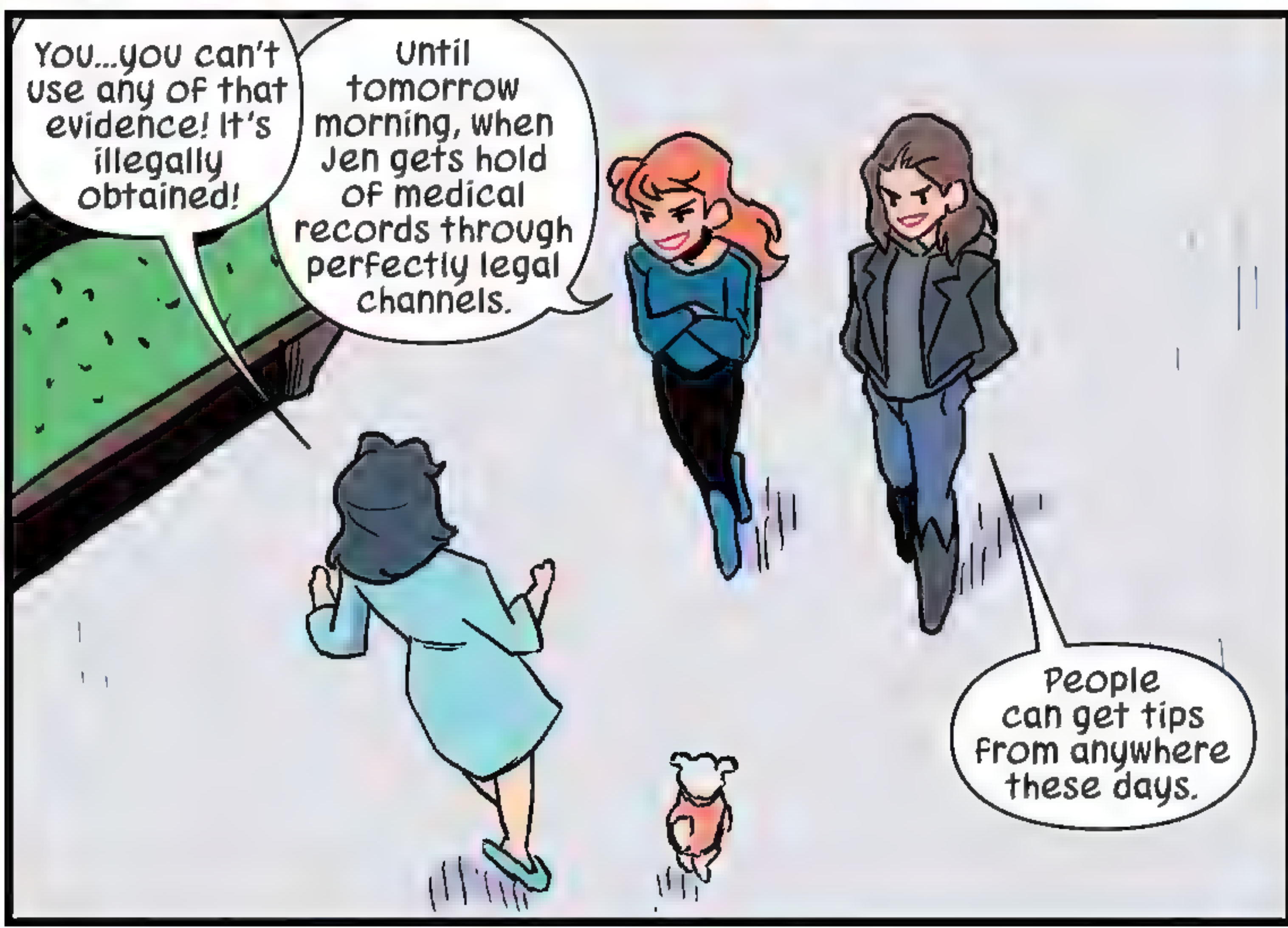
Sure, but
at that dose? No
wonder she was talking to
the forces of darkness.
I'm surprised she was
coherent at all.



She signed
it of her own
free will!

No, I remember this. Jen
said it once--"If one of the
parties does not have the
mental capacity to form
a contract..." it nullifies
the signature.

Bingo.



You...you can't
use any of that
evidence! It's
illegally
obtained!

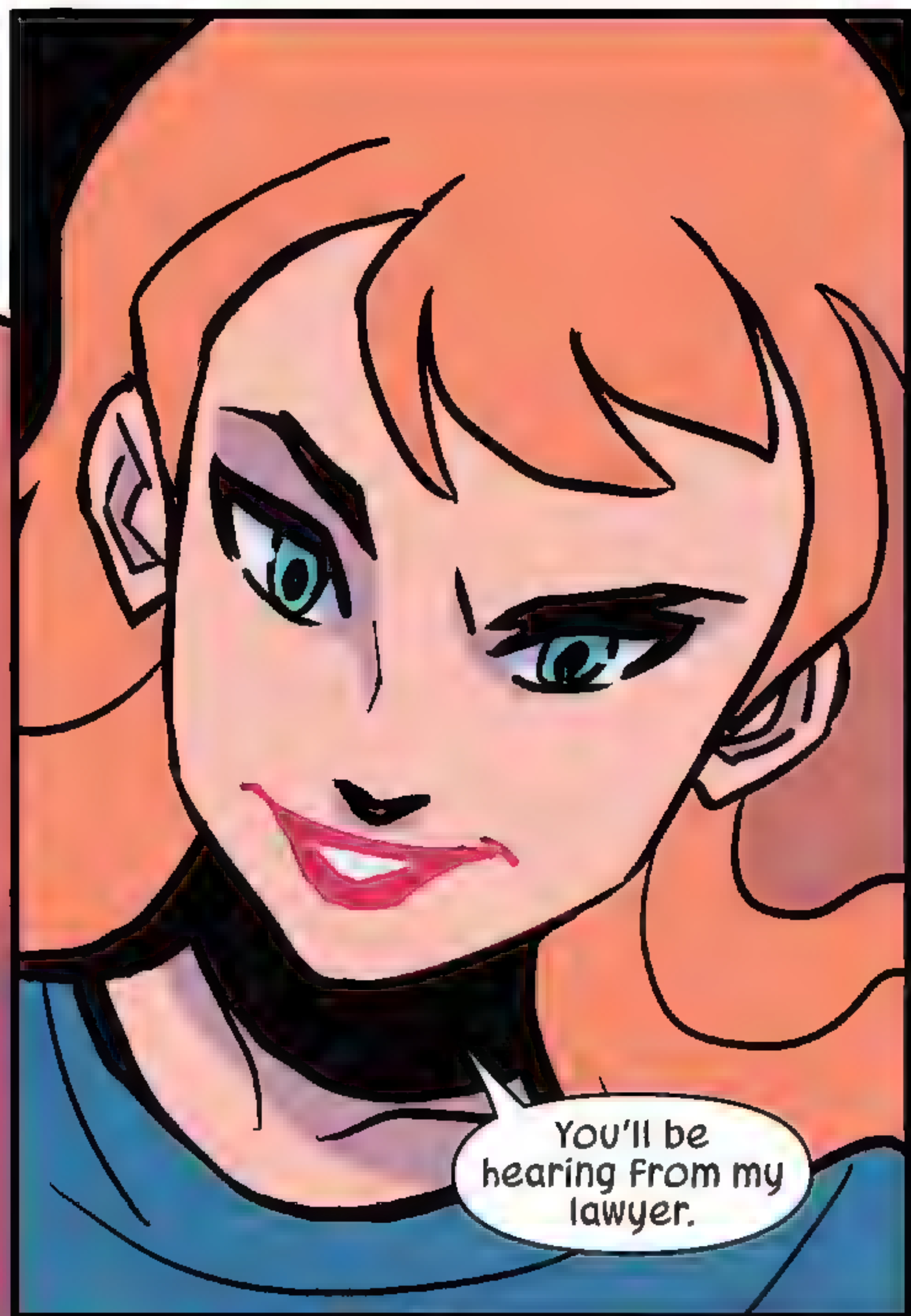
Until
tomorrow
morning, when
Jen gets hold
of medical
records through
perfectly legal
channels.

People
can get tips
from anywhere
these days.

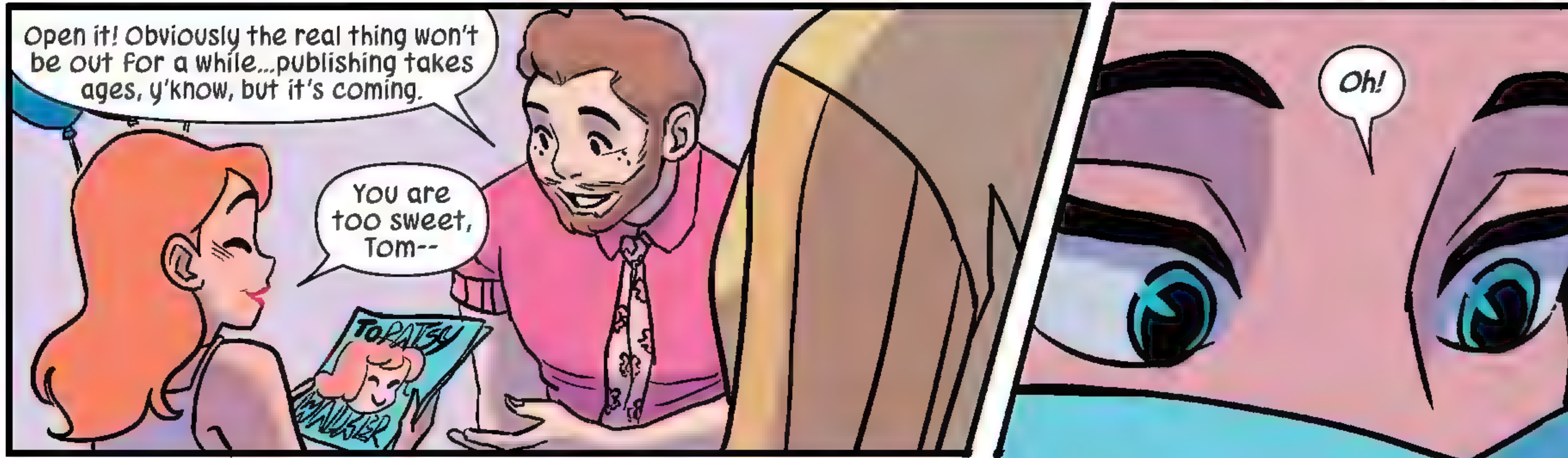
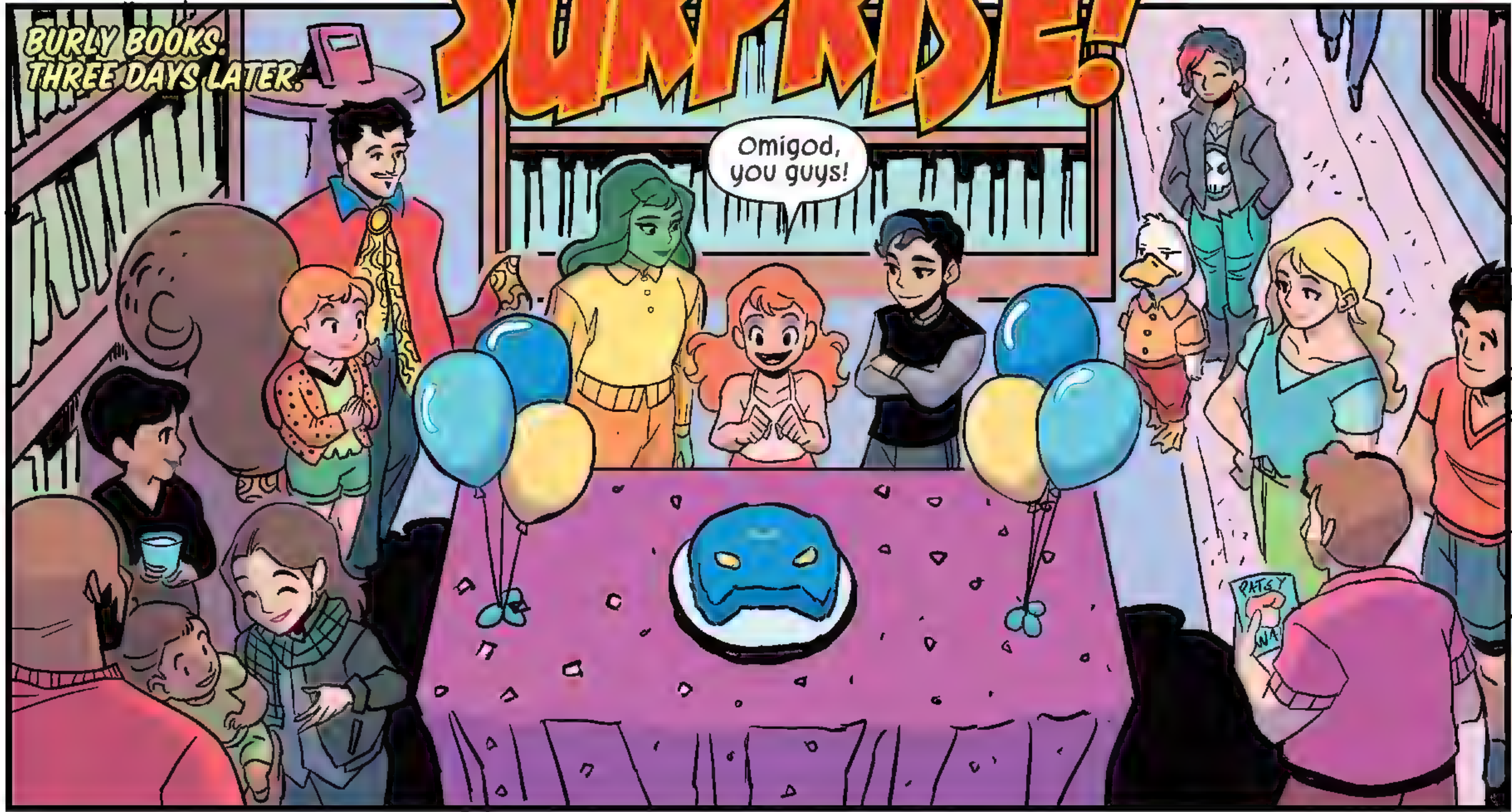


We could
work something
out. I'll cut you in. We
could be friends
again, Patsy!

Oh,
save it.



You'll be
hearing from my
lawyer.





I'm gonna cry.



Thank you so much, you guys. I couldn't do any of this without you.

We love you too, kiddo.

OOF!



Are you sure, though? You still want them to put the books out?

Yeah. I wasn't, but...they're already out there. I mean, if it helps you, and the others... maybe we actually get something worthwhile out of this whole mess.



You're going to have to deal with a lot of paperwork...and being famous for a while.

I know. It's weird. Maybe it's time I owned it. At least it'll mean I can actually get this temp agency off the ground.

You can even buy some furniture! Or help with groceries!



Don't push your luck.

NOT BAD, PATSY--BUT HAVE YOU HEARD OF A LITTLE THING CALLED...

CIVIL WAR II ???

JOIN US NEXT ISSUE, READERS, AS THINGS GET JUST...WELL...YOU'LL SEE!



HELLO, KITTIES

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MEOW-ZAS!

Charles Beacham, A.K.A. Assistant Editor Extraordinaire, here. Looks like things are finally coming up Patsy! Though, I've got a feeling that Hedy's not quite done putting up a fight. (Bullies are the worst! Am-I-right?!)

Anyway, whaddya say we celebrate Patsy's victory with another letters page full of ADORABLE kitties?!

Take it away, Kate and Brittney:

Hi wonderful HELLCAT creators!

My husband and 9-year-old are avid comic book readers but I have not been interested until now. I've started the series and am hooked. Now I can bond with them and go to the comic book store and feel part of the experience.

This is our 2-week old kitty Smokey Boots O'Houlahan who just opened his eyes a few days ago and couldn't wait to start reading HELLCAT! We are fans for life!



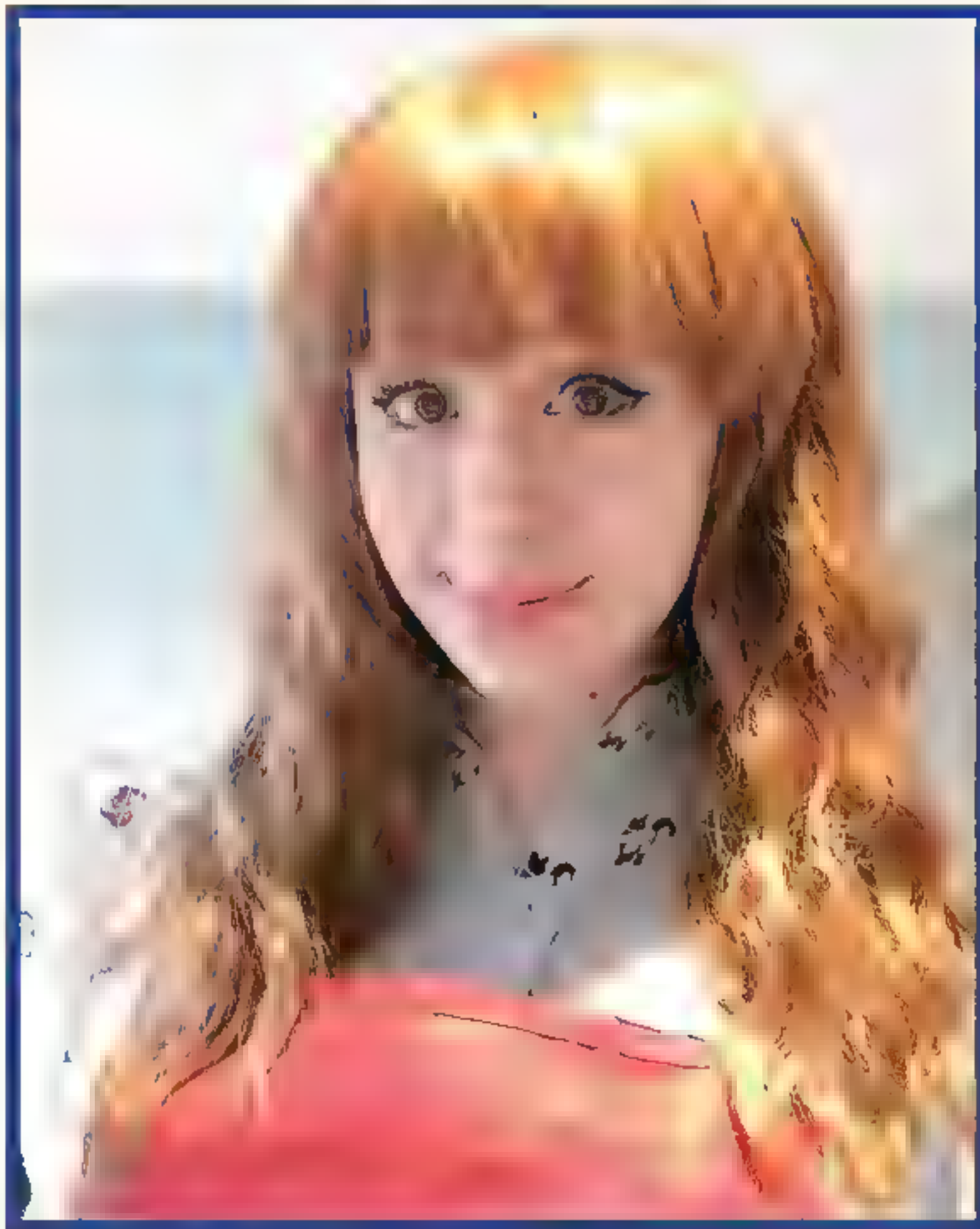
Thank you,
Jamie Guillen
Perris, CA

KATE: I've heard that people imprint on stuff they see early in life, and I hope the same is true of your kids AND cat! May they always hunger for brightly-coloured, fun, nerdy stories about girls who dress up like cats and fight crime.

BRITTNEY: I can't wait for Smokey to learn how to read, I know he'll love HELLCAT too!

Hi Hellcat Team!

Just a few months ago I walked into my local comic book store for the first time. I saw PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT tucked away in the corner and was immediately in love with the adorable artwork and cute colouring; I was almost convinced that the comic book gods had created it just for me! Needless to say, my first comic store purchase was a fantastic one. Since reading I just had to cosplay Patsy in her retail outfit:



(We're pretty much style sisters!)

Thank you so much for creating a diverse and interesting comic representative of us queer kids!

Lot's of love from far-away England,
Emily

I LOVE YOUR COSPLAY, OH MY GOSH, YES, EXCELLENT, YOU'RE THE BEST. We'll try to keep it as queer as we can. <3

I AM THE COMIC BOOK GOD! YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!

Dear Patsy Walker, A.K.A. Hellcat,

Since I was really little, I've hunted down vintage issues of Patsy Walker at comic-cons and comic-book stores. I absolutely love Patsy Walker and I was SO excited to see that she had a new series coming out. Since it came out, PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT is my current favourite comic series. I hope for many more amazing issues; thank you so much for this modern take on one of my favourite characters :)

Lily Eggleton, 14
Shepperton, UK

Lily! It's so awesome that you're reading it and having a great time. I hope it's a launchpad for you finding even more awesome, stylish comics! There's so much out there to explore! We're lucky to have you.

Hello fellow classic comic book hunter! I'm very glad you've discovered a new favorite series to seek out - I salute you!

Hellcats,

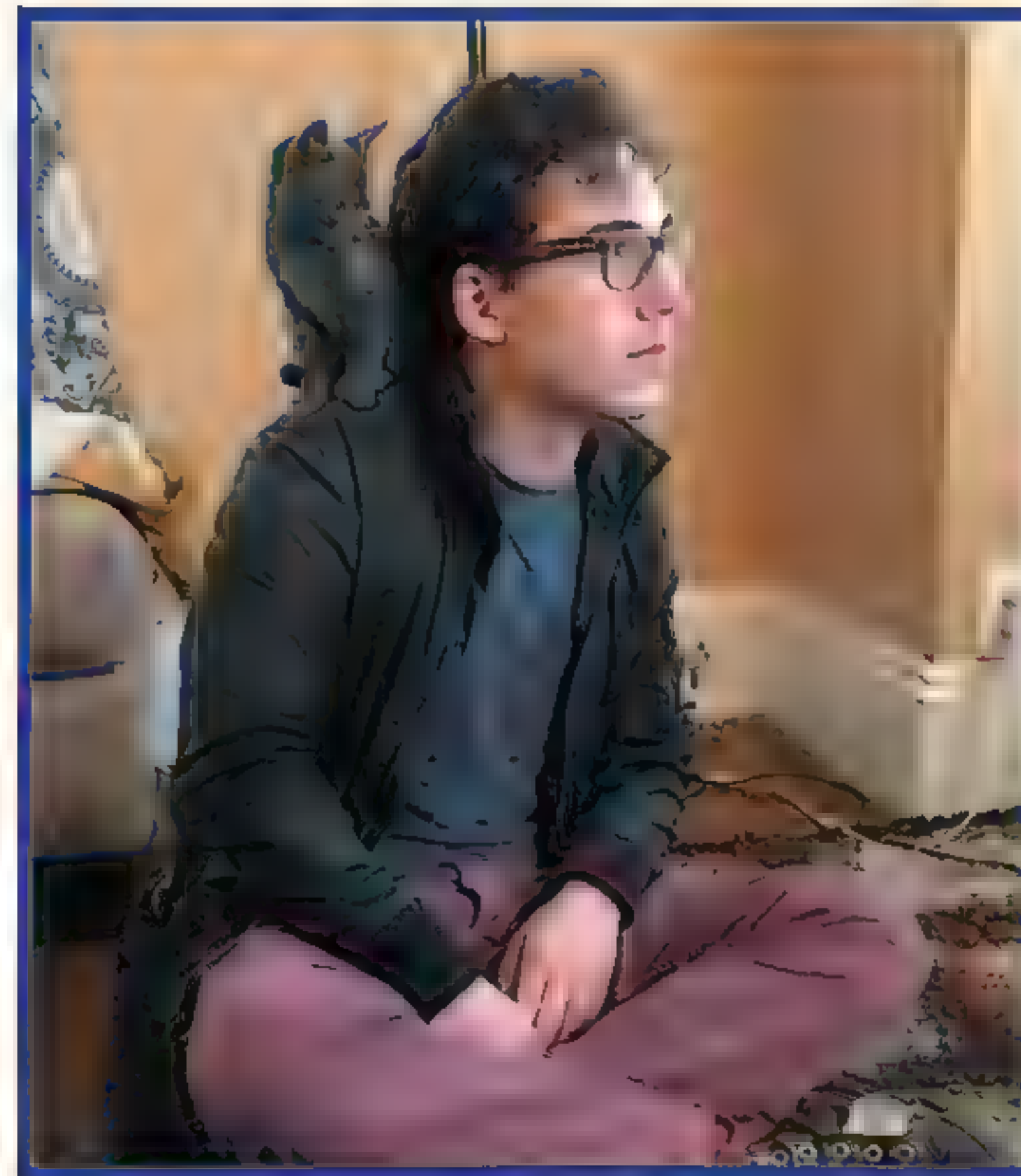
Kate's been directing a lot of new readers in the letters section towards SQUIRREL GIRL, HOWARD THE DUCK, and Soule's dearly-missed SHE-HULK (where we got some great Patsy action back in 2014). There's a growing pocket of Marveldom that's colorful and goofy and friendly and,

most of all, great for women. Patsy, with her boundless cheer, queer-friendliness, and quick wit, fits snugly into this growing realm of the MU.

Another Marvel character who seems to fit this particular bill is currently dealing with a bit of a dinosaur problem. I'm talking about MOON GIRL, who's currently getting a wonderful treatment by Montclare and Reeder. While she and her pet had a brief run in with the Hulk back in MG&DD #4, I haven't been seeing a lot of love for her elsewhere in Marveldom of late.

Lunella is the spunky kind of character who I'd love to see making an appearance in Patsy's world. She's clearly way too smart for regular school and I think she would have a lot to offer Patsy's newly minted temp agency for jobs where expertise and cleverness are needed.

Anyway, love the series! Keep up the good work. Here's a photo of me trying to watch *Jessica Jones* while my girlfriend's cat Fred (his sister Carrie is not pictured) tries to get my attention.



Cat-ch you later,
Eli Boonin-Vail

I love MOON GIRL AND DEVIL DINOSAUR like crazy and obviously I'm picking up all the issues! I know she's busy with a lot of her own adventures, but you can bet Patsy would think MG is just the cat's meow. Get it???

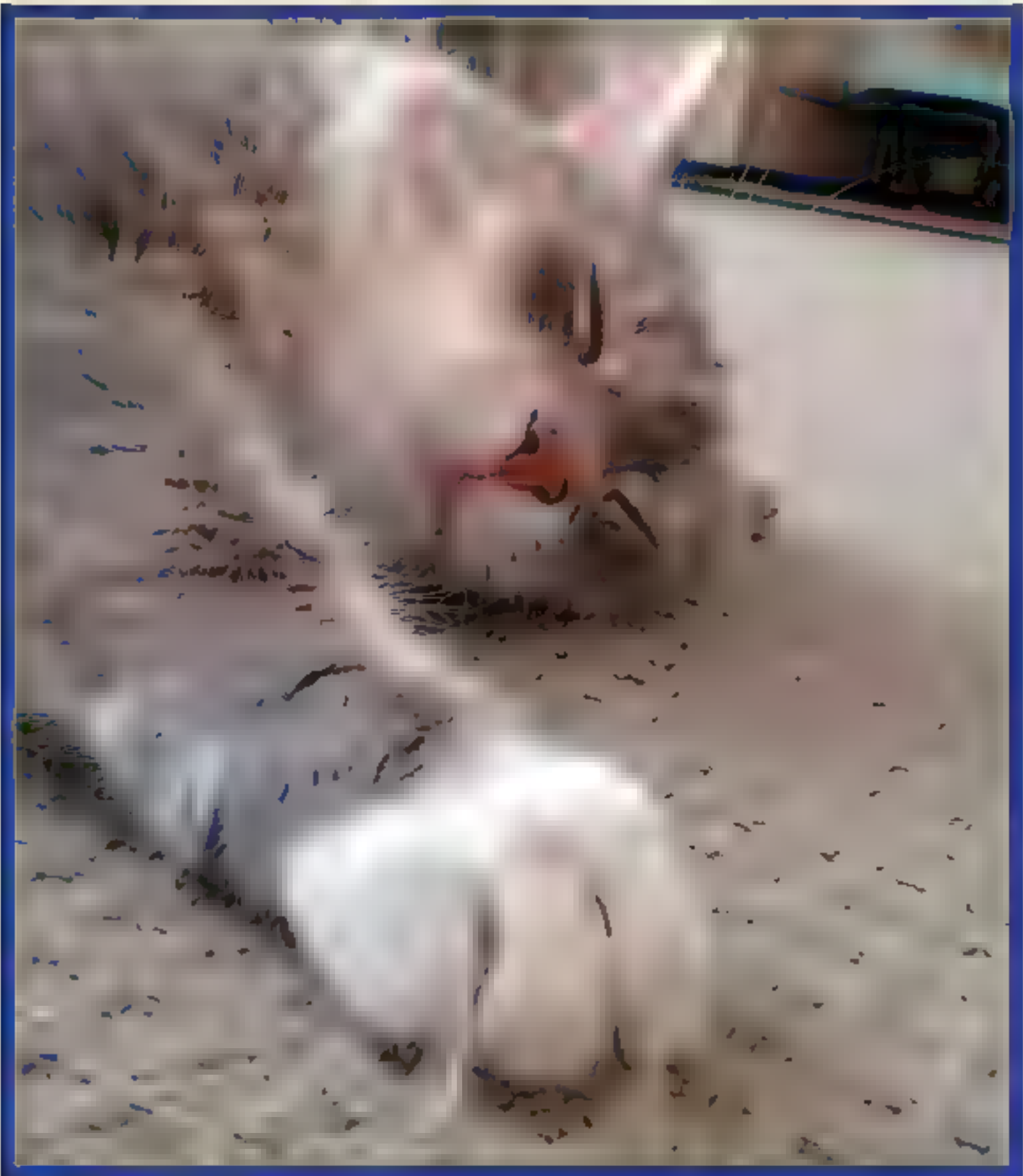
I would love to draw Moon Girl and DINOSAURS! Is kitty old enough to be watching *Jessica Jones*?

Hello Hellkitties,

I recently read the first 5 issues of HELLCAT. I am just gonna say I love it!!! Brittney's artwork was gorgeous, and your humor was so delightful, and since Canada is a magical land, that make all sense. Thank you for your great works!

Let me introduce my own lil hellcat Misty. Her special super powers include eating

every food she can see and sleeping until she's hungry. She will never be a super hero, won't she? Unless the super villain is some kind of giant sashimi-man.



Lastly, thank you again to the whole HELLCAT team for absolutely catlin' it!
JQ,
Sydney, AU

An excellent cat, a fine warrior, and you in turn are a fine fur-friend!
The artist is way too flattered to respond and has hidden away in a corner.

My wife was a fan of the old PATSY AND HEDY comic series back in the day while I have followed Hellcat since her Avengers days. Our boy Rubus is anxiously awaiting the next issue.



Good luck with the series.
John Sharples

PATSY AND HEDY (particularly the Al Hartley issues) are some of my favourite comics ever made. I'm so happy I have an excuse to read and reread them while working on this one.
Rubus will not have to wait much longer!

Dear Hellcat team:
Issue 4: Tom's ringtone - is that perhaps the refrain from one of the bubbliest opening numbers in Broadway's recent history, from one of the bubbliest shows to ever hit Broadway? I refer to the earworm that is "Omigod You Guys", from "Legally Blonde: the Musical". If so, Tom and I would probably be friends and we could commiserate over the fact that, if you tell people that this song

is on your workout playlist, they will laugh at you. Tom would know these people are missing out.
Lauren
Chambersburg PA

Ian's ringtone, actually! You best believe Patsy and Ian have made mimosas together and practiced their "Bend & Snap." Tom can't even stop Ian from playing the soundtrack at work, and he pretends it's all foolish, but he knows the words to "What You Want" by heart.
The ones who laugh do not understand.
U_U

Dear Hellcat,
From her perch atop the nerd shrine, Ariel poses beside the most recent issue of her favorite book.



Topher Avery

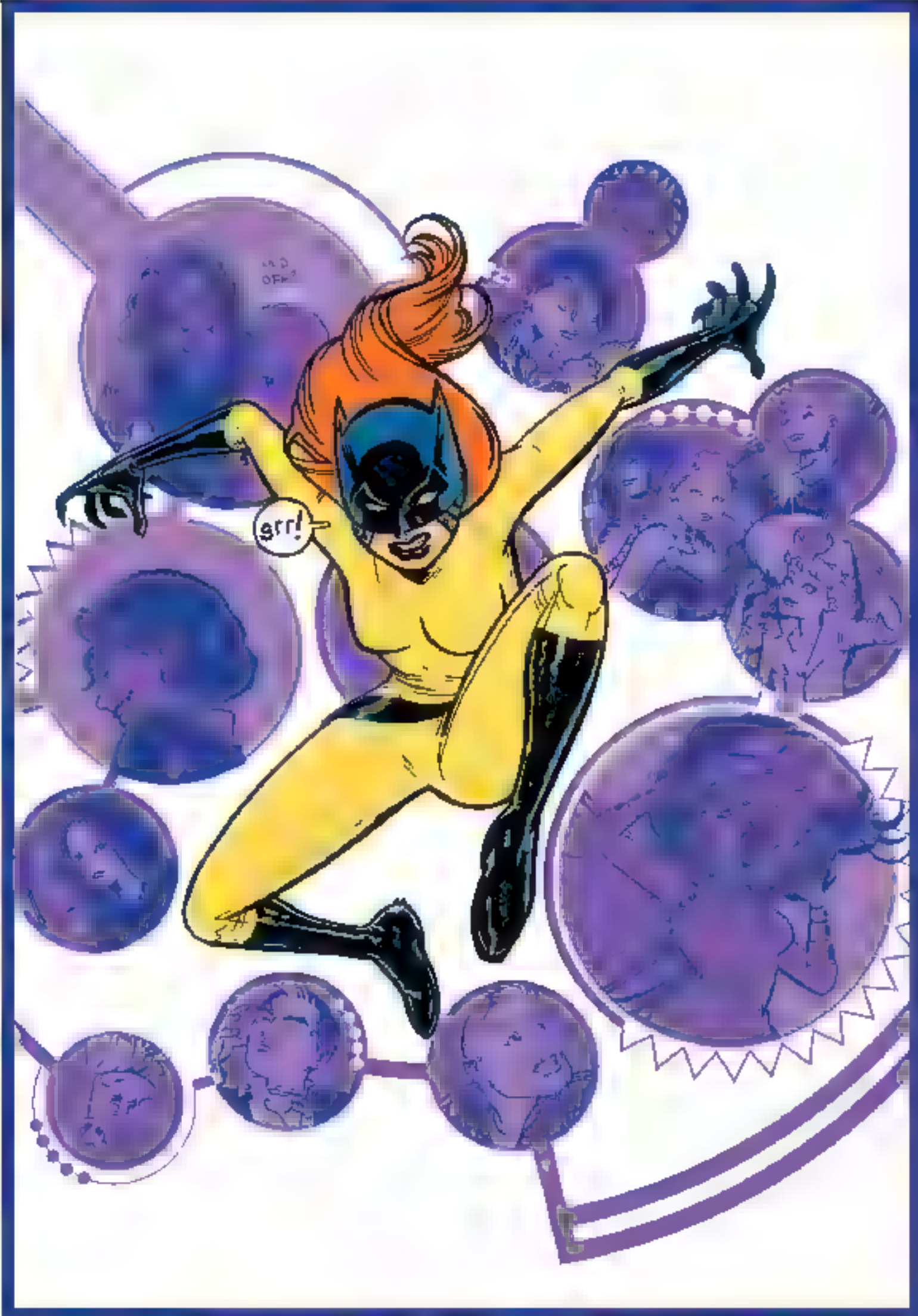
I bow before her majesty.
A GLORIOUS ANGEL. That'll about wrap it up for us this month - we'll see you next time when things REALLY ramp up in CIVIL WAR II!!! :O

BONUS CAT PIC! Here's Lili and Maxi, the cats of Marvel's SVP of Print, Sales & Marketing (and PWAH!'s Patron Saint) David Gabriel!

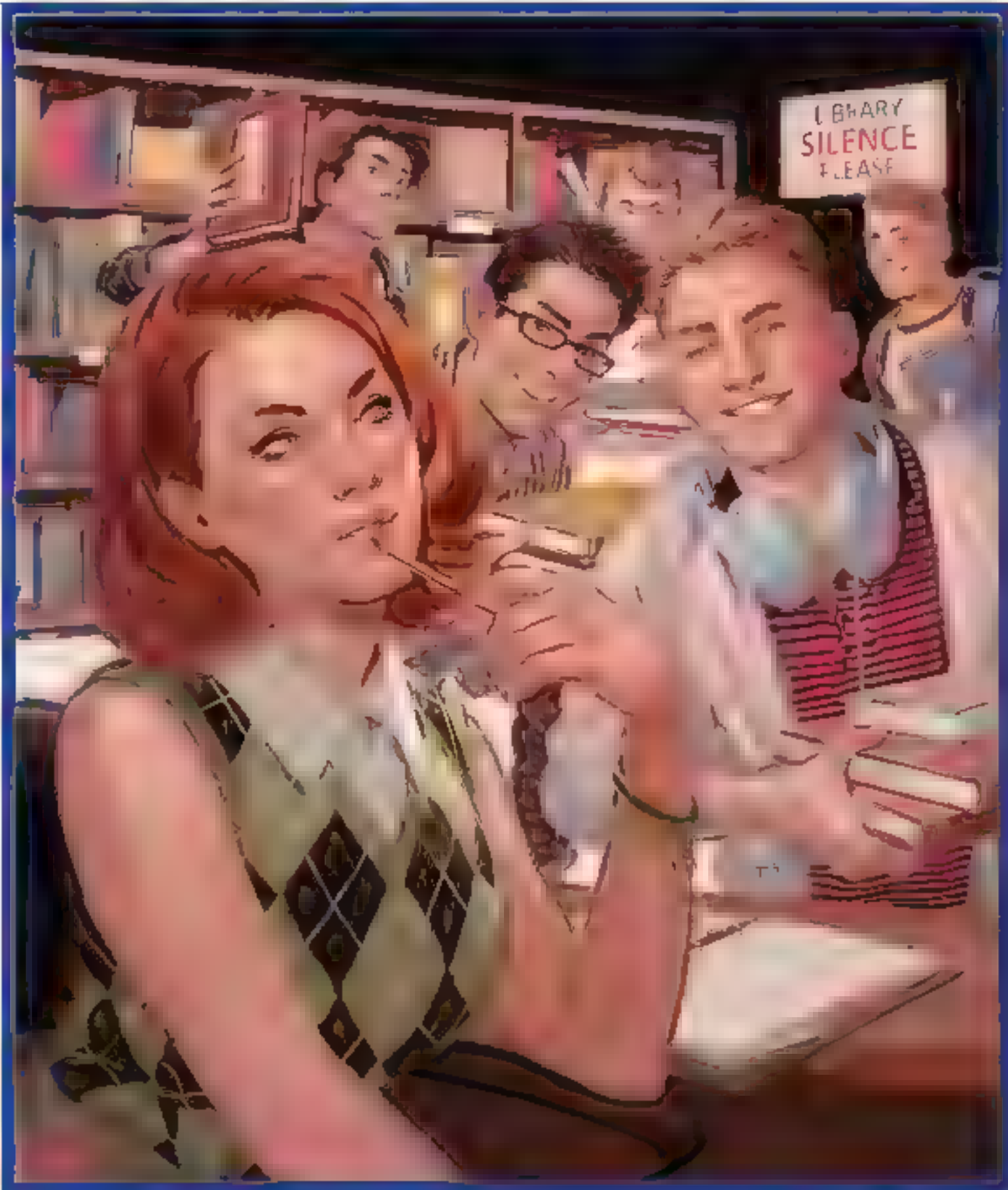


AND before you go...
Check out these super rad variant covers for this issue.
Deadly Class artist Wes Craig put his skills to work recapping our first arc with

this KILLER "Story Thus Far" variant:



And the titanically talented Julian Totino Tedesco produced the below cover for the Jessica Jones Netflix show, and we were lucky enough to be able to use it here in this issue guest-starring none other than... Jessica Jones!



Okay. That's REALLY all we've got. We'll see you next month when Patsy Walker faces the fallout of CIVIL WAR II!!!
C. Beach



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Patsy Walker used to work as private investigator for her buddy Jen Walters, A.K.A. *She-Hulk*, but her friend had to lay her off.

That's me!



Together the ladies secured the publishing rights for Patsy! Aren't best friends great?



So now Patsy's crashing with her pal *Ian Soo* and using her free time to launch a temp agency for super-powered people who aren't interested in the hero business.



But Patsy's plans were interrupted when her high school frenemy *Hedy Wolfe* got the publishing rights to relaunch a series of embarrassing comics starring teenage Patsy (awkward!) and written by Patsy's mom.



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Jen.







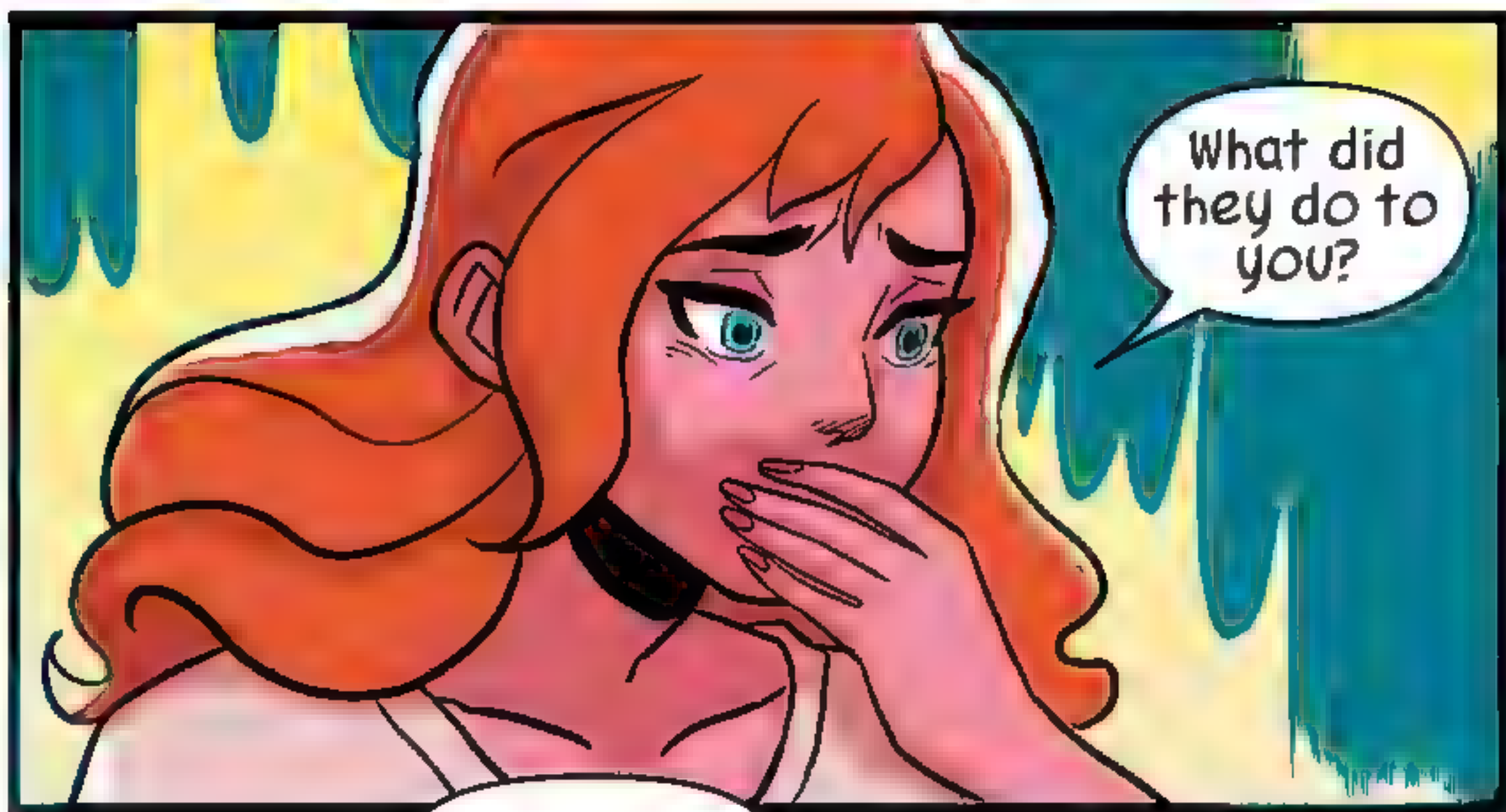




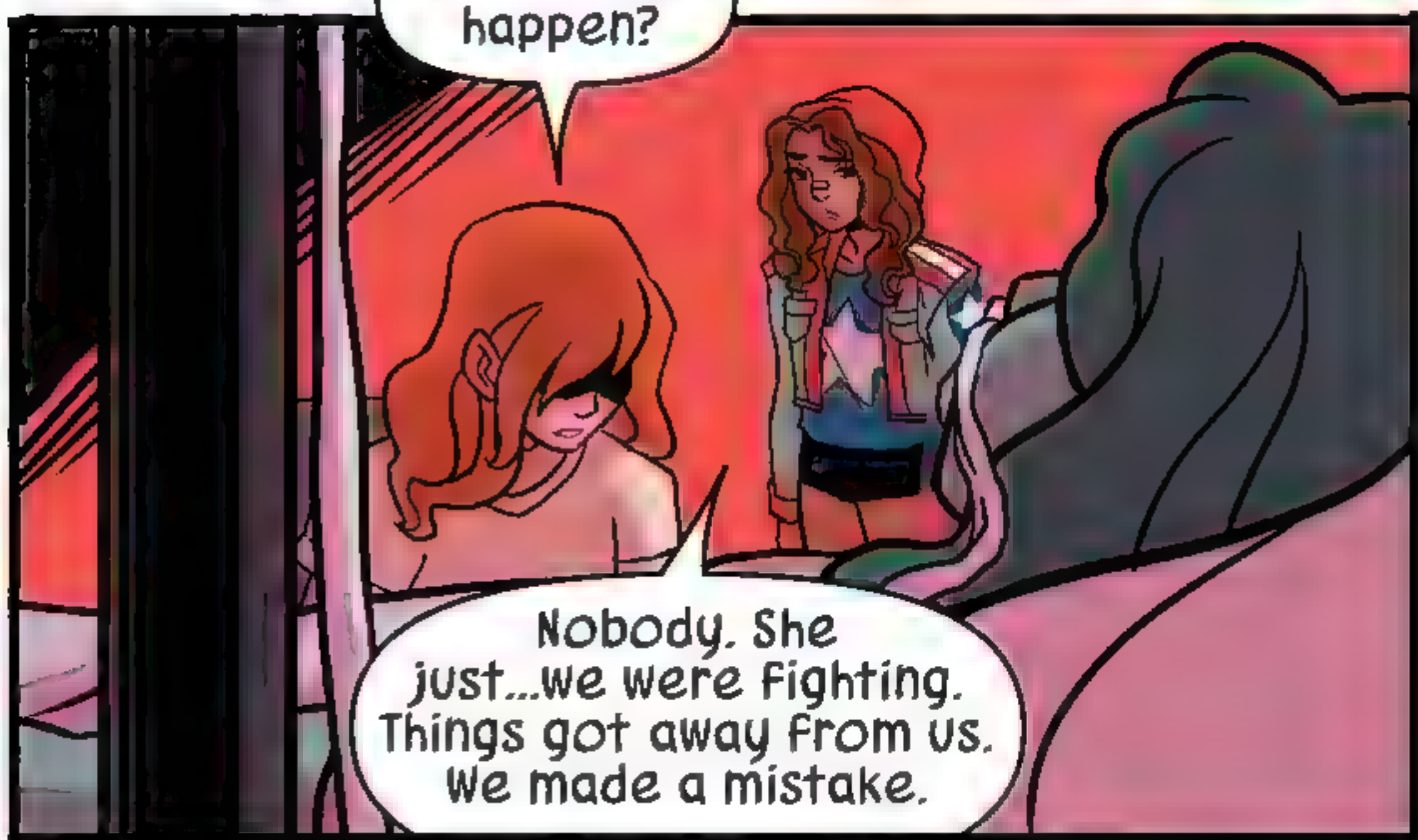
"--she's my best friend."

Oh my god, Jen...

**Jennifer Walters,
A.K.A. She-Hulk.**
I know.
Believe me,
I know.



What did they do to you?



Who let this happen?

Nobody. She just...we were fighting. Things got away from us. We made a mistake.



Patsy... War Machine's dead.

Rhodey? NO! HOW?



There's an Inhuman...he can see things...I don't know. Everything's really screwed up. I have to go. It's not over yet.

Don't you dare leave me! Is she going to wake up?!



I'm so sorry.

WAIT!





Ian?

Patsy?
Are you
okay?



Jen's...
she's hurt.

I'm
coming. Where
are you?



Miss? Who
let you in here? I'm
going to have to get
security, this area is
restricted.

I'm Patsy
Walker. Hellicat.
Jen's...she's my
friend.

Patsy?



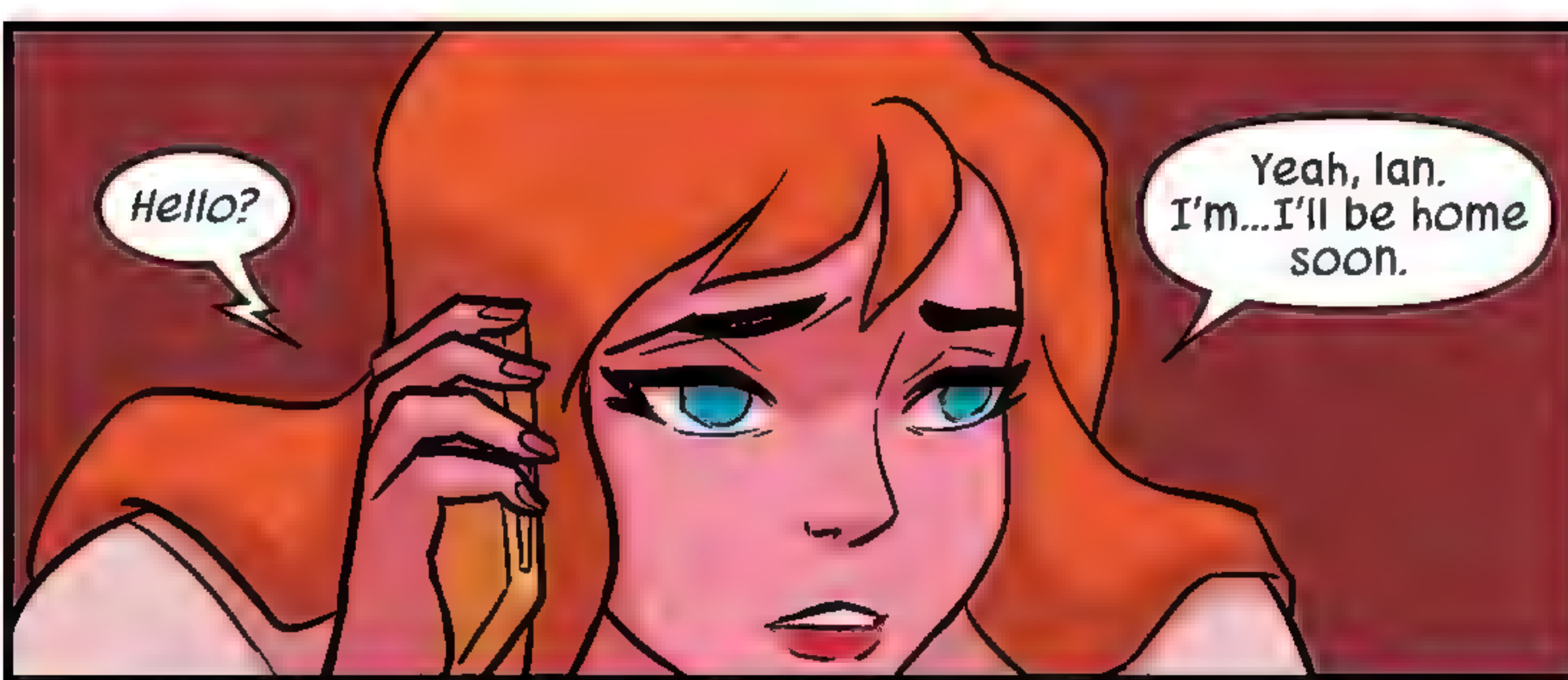
You can't be here right
now. She's in a very
delicate state.

Please.
What's going
to happen to
her?



We're doing everything we can. She
flatlined for a while and it took all of
us just to get her stable again.

I'm
sorry. She's
unresponsive,
and we have no idea
how long it will last.
If you leave your
information, we'll
keep you
updated.



Hello?

Yeah, Ian.
I'm...I'll be home
soon.



Dream
of sweet things,
Jen. I'll be back
for you.

"So, the facts are these."

James Rhodes is dead. Jen is in a coma. They're not sure...they don't know when she'll wake up. Or *if*.

Which is why I called you all here.

I don't know what to do.

**BROOKLYN. 68 JAY STREET.
LAW OFFICE OF JENNIFER WALTERS, PLLC.**

How could this happen?

She's so... strong.

I saw her *two days ago*.

Who was it? Thanos? I could take him. I'll knock his block off.

Hei-Hei wants vengeance.

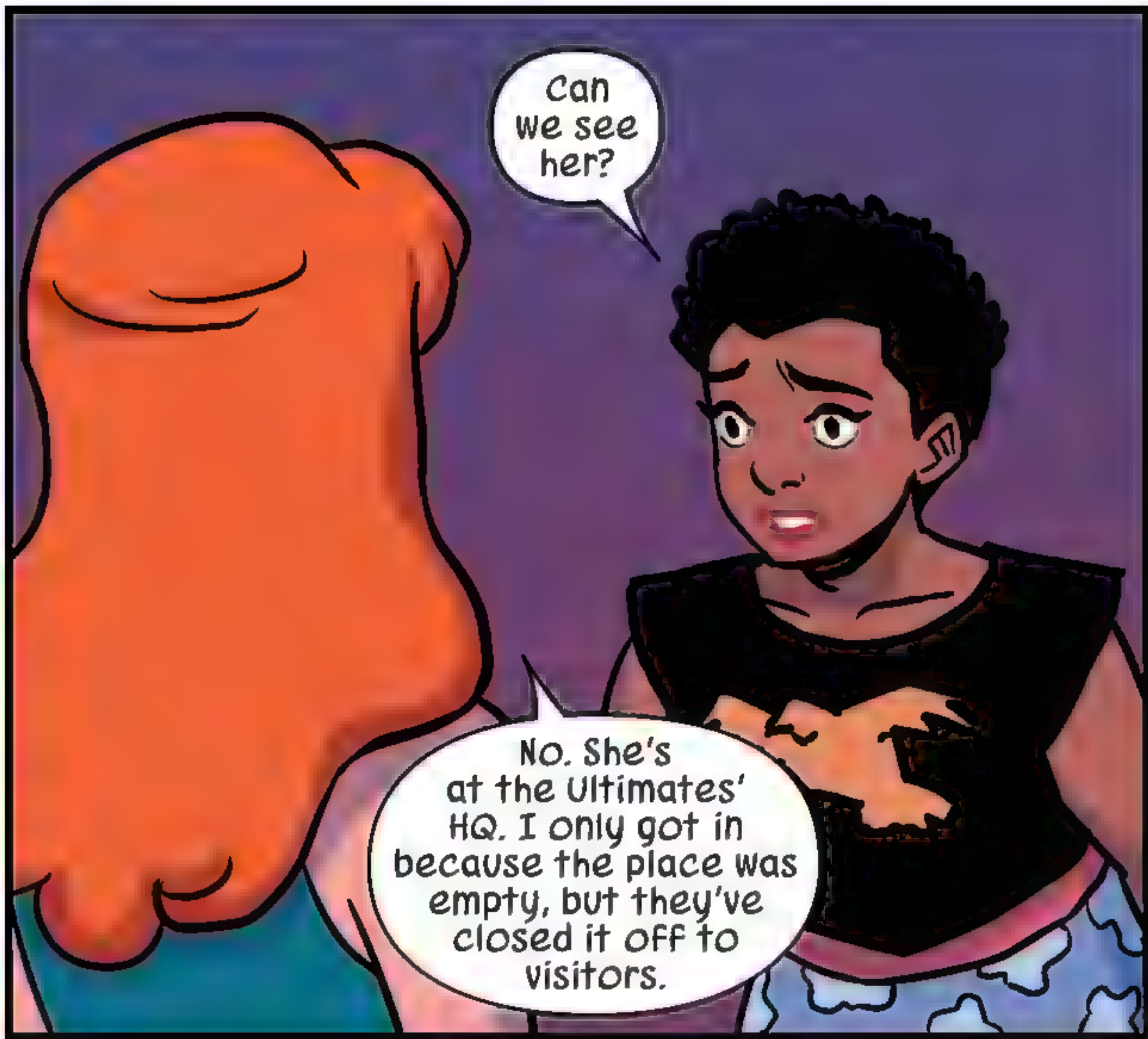
SCREEE.

**Tom Hale,
A.K.A. Burly Books
owner, Patsy's
childhood friend.**

**Sharon King,
A.K.A. Landlord
of 68 Jay Street.
Former mutant.**

**Howard the Duck,
A.K.A. New York's
Duck-tective.**

**Angie and
Hei-Hei, A.K.A.
Jen's paranormal
paralegal and
monkey.**





THE NICER DIVE BAR
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You know
my favorite thing
about Jen?

She always
paid her rent *three*
days late.

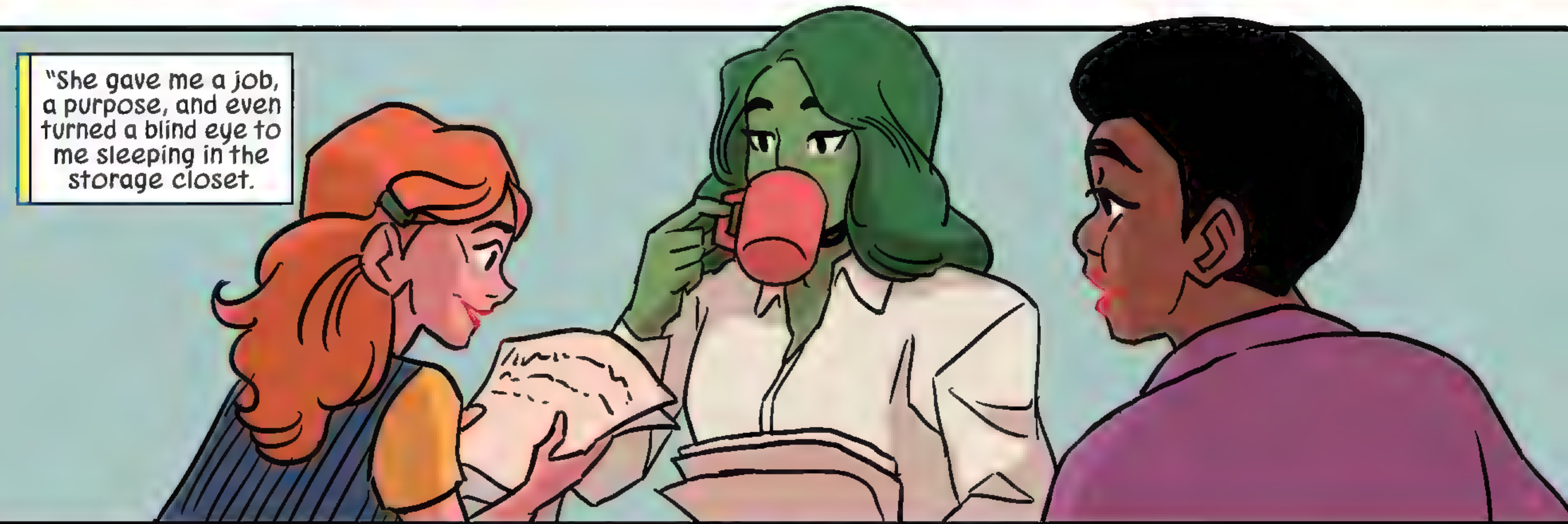
And every
month, on the fourth,
she'd slip the check under
my door and apologize.
Every single month
since she
moved in.

Like
clockwork.

I can't
pick a favorite
thing.

She's
perfect.

Patsy!





So work with what you've got. Use my size against me.

Easier said than done!



It's all about balance. If your opponent has you physically outmatched, check for weaknesses, and--



--WUAH!



You *do* know I've been combat training since, like, forever, right?

Oof. Point, Walker.



You want to get pizza after this? That place by the office has something called *The Unconquerable*, and I want to try it.

How is it possible that you can eat more than me?

Sheer determination.



Wassat?!

OW!

HELP!

SECONDS
LATER...

Hey,
stinkhead! Back
away and drop the
cutlery!



Ah,
crepes. Super-
broads.

He
just grabbed
my phone!
Help!



Can we?

I dunno,
you're probably
too tired...



Pretty, pretty
please with cherries
on top?



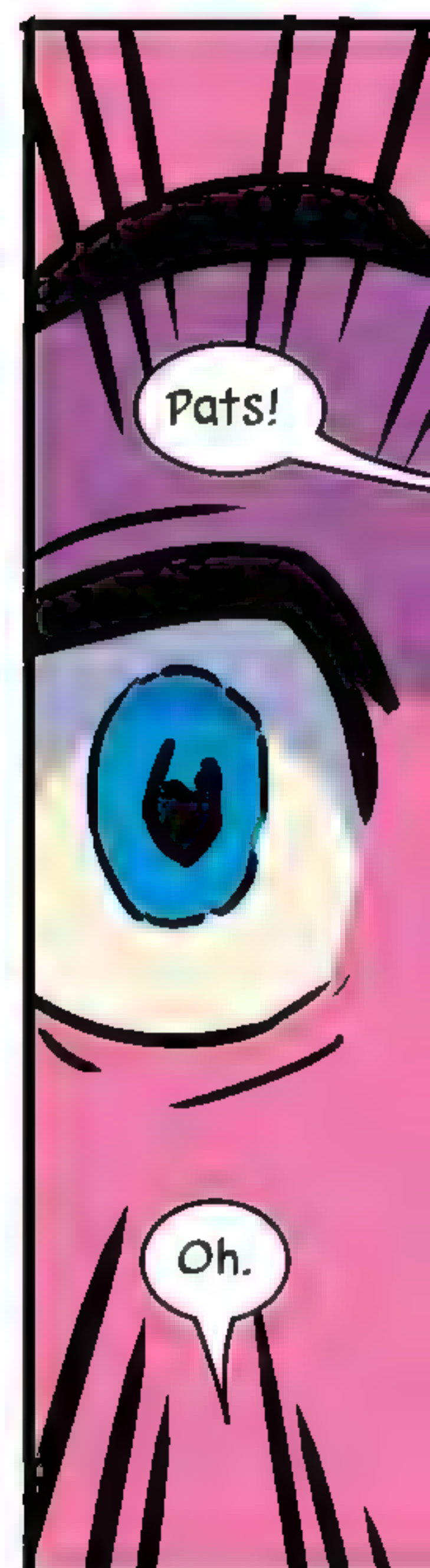
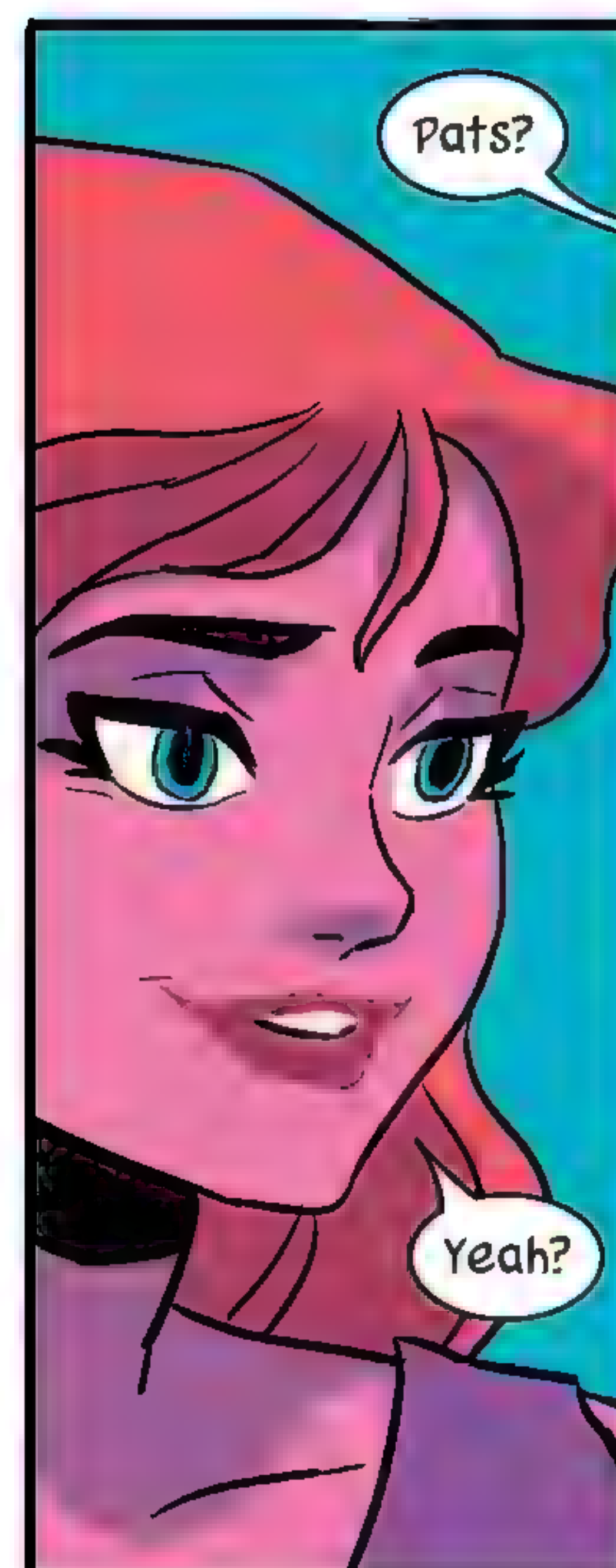
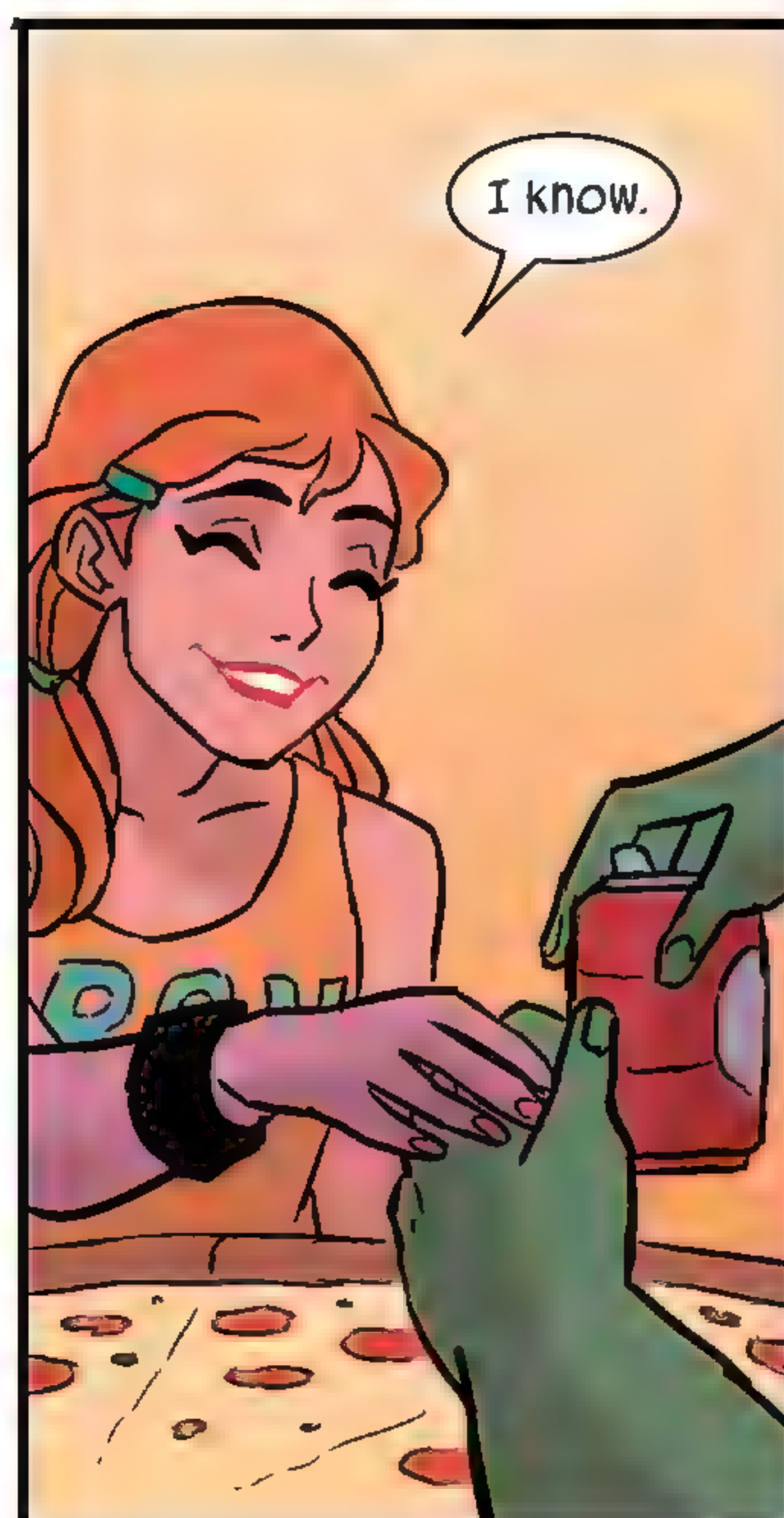
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you said
the magic
words.

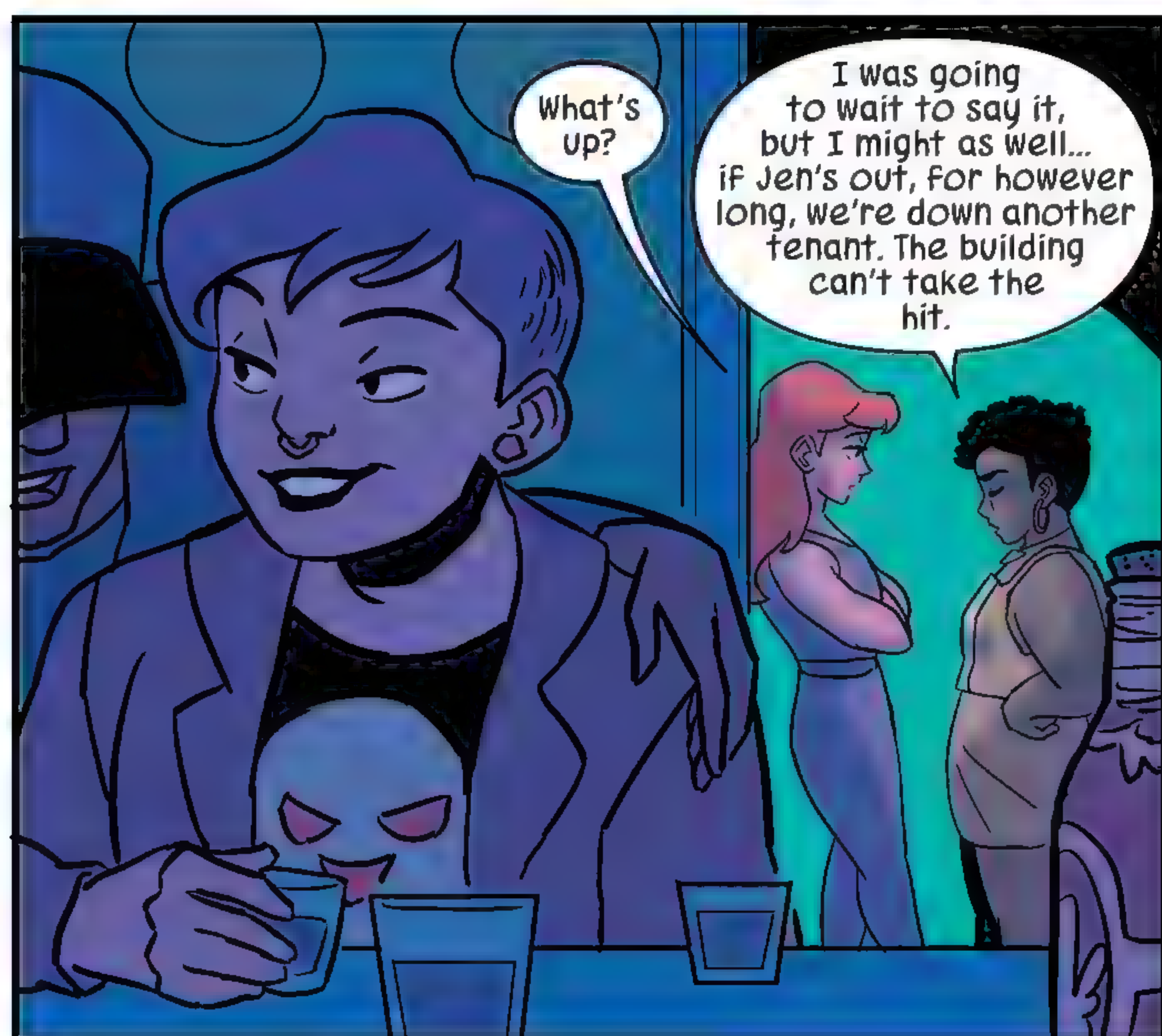
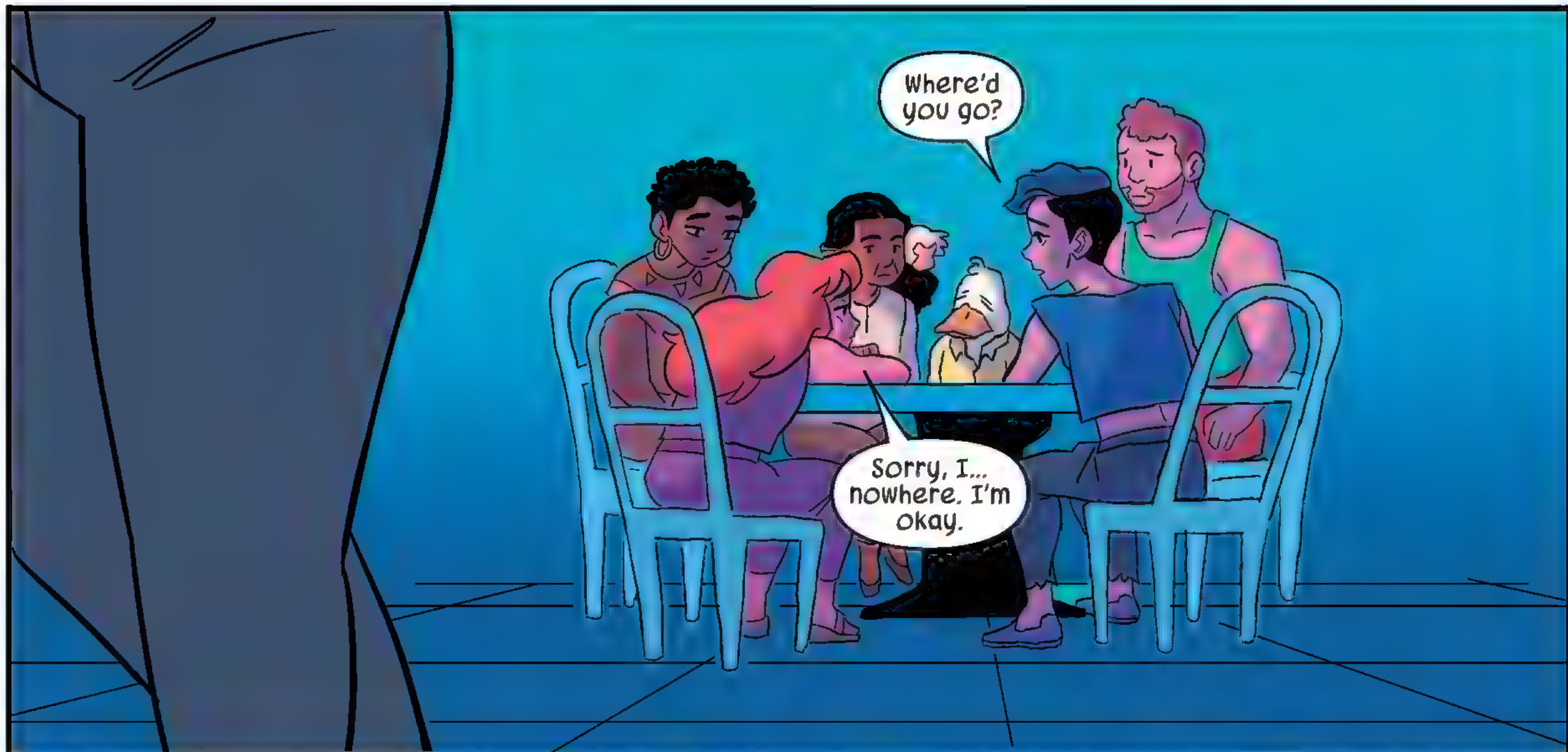
Uh, are you
guys gonna fight
me, or--

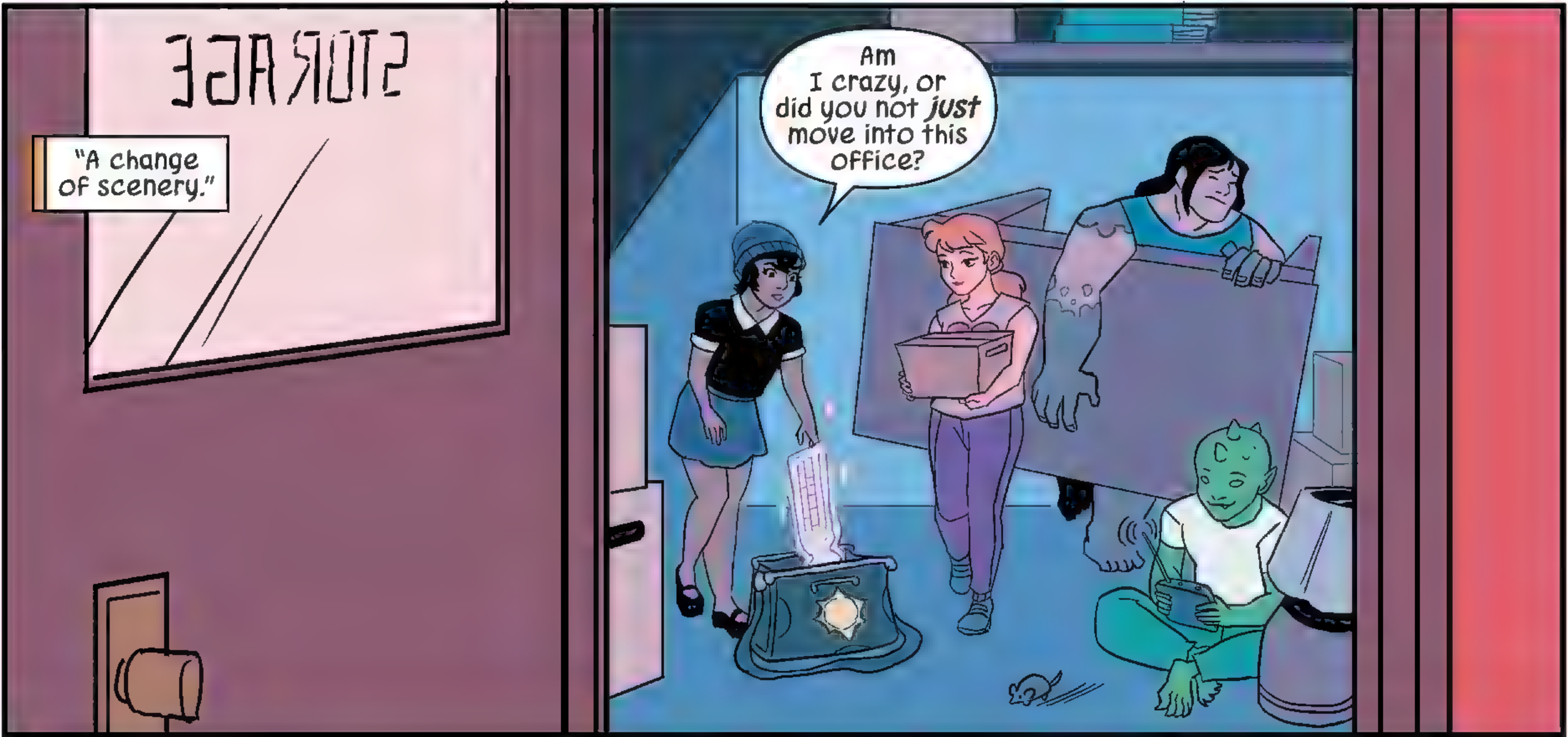
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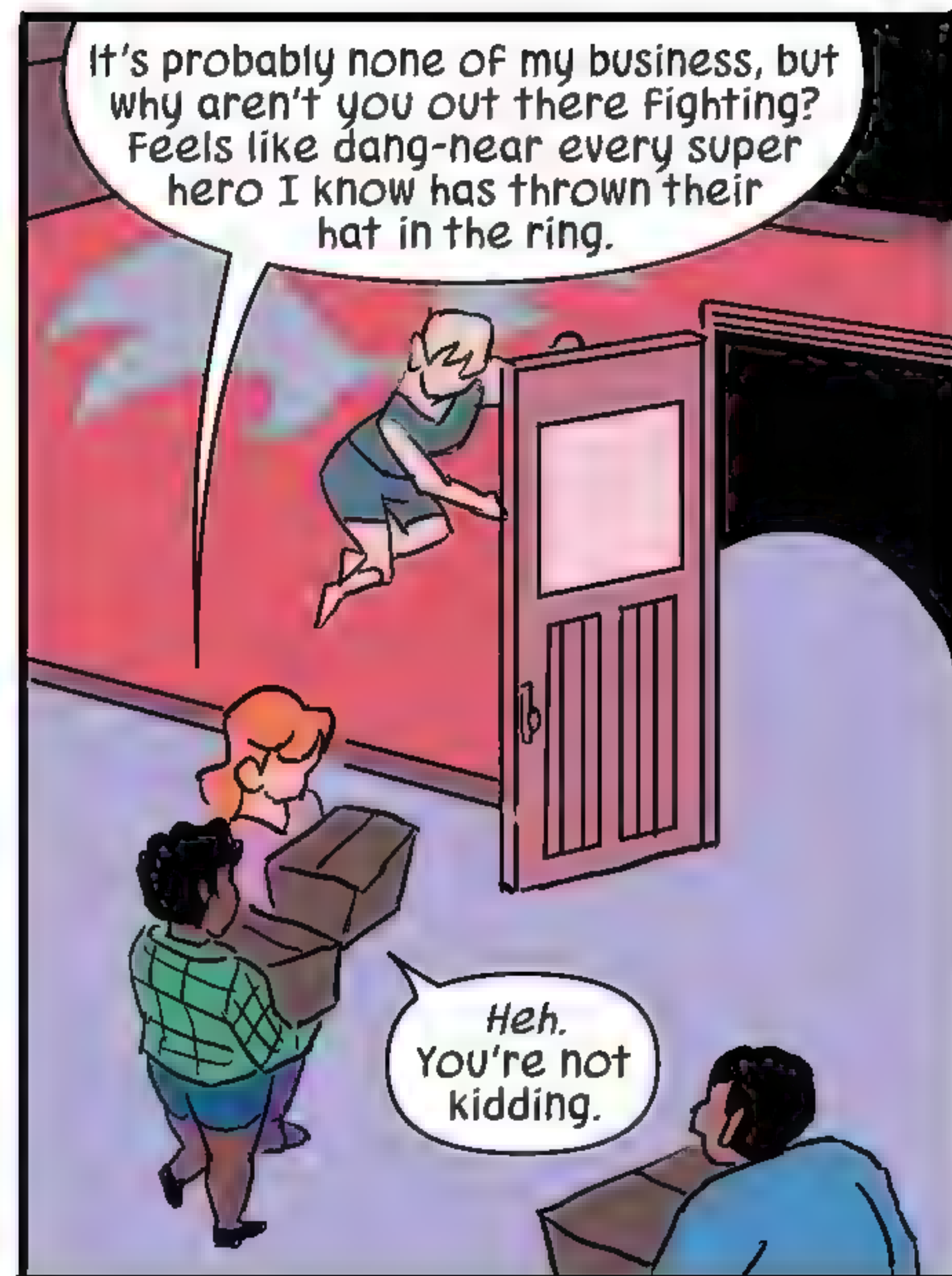


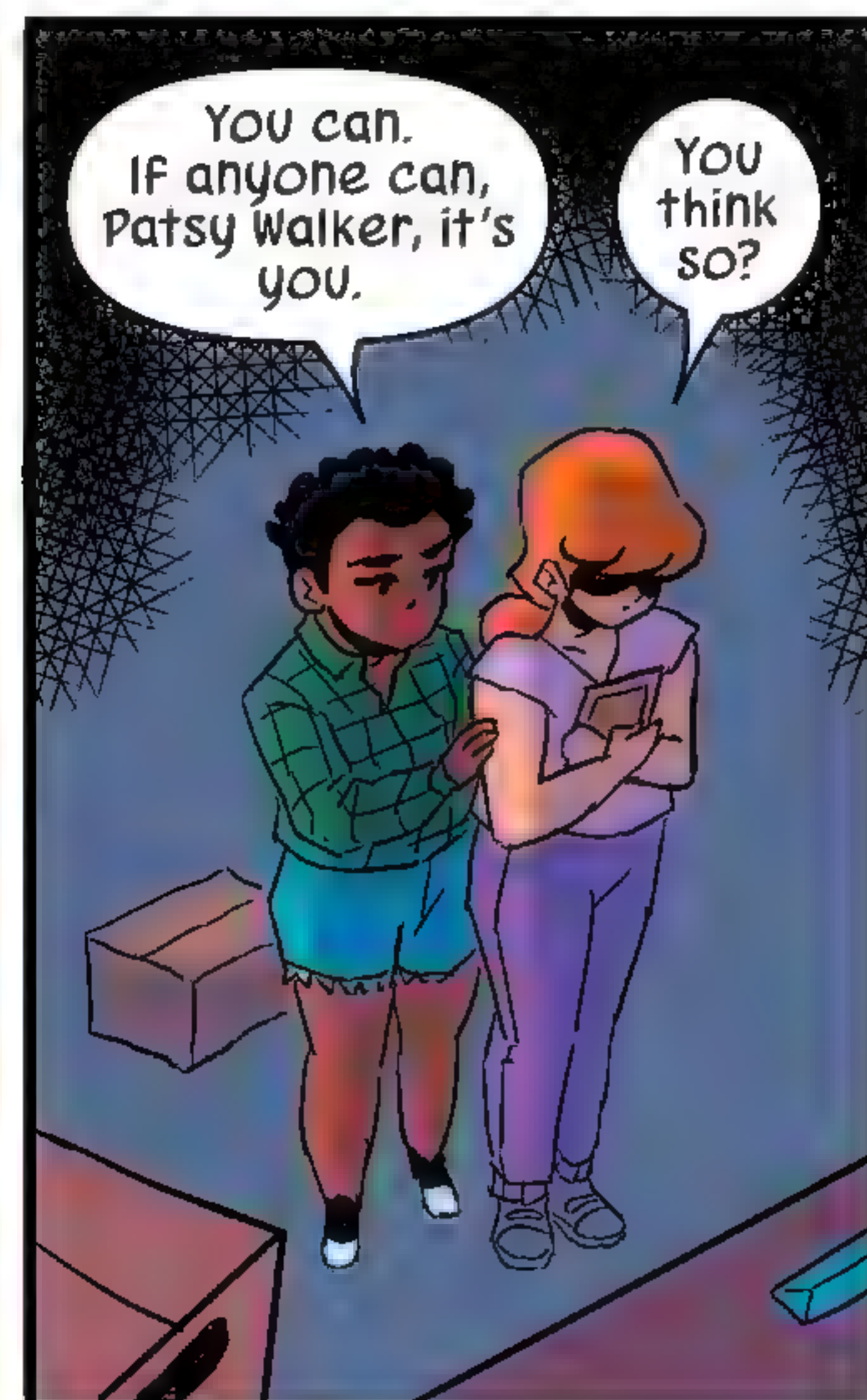














HELLO, KITTIES

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Kate here, just checking in on you. That was a rough one, huh? Hoo-boy. CIVIL WAR II has had quite an effect on poor Patsy, and I'm sure we haven't seen the last of the aftermath. I love Jen more than anyone. Cross your fingers, everybody. On a lighter note...how about some letters?

Dear Charles in Charge,

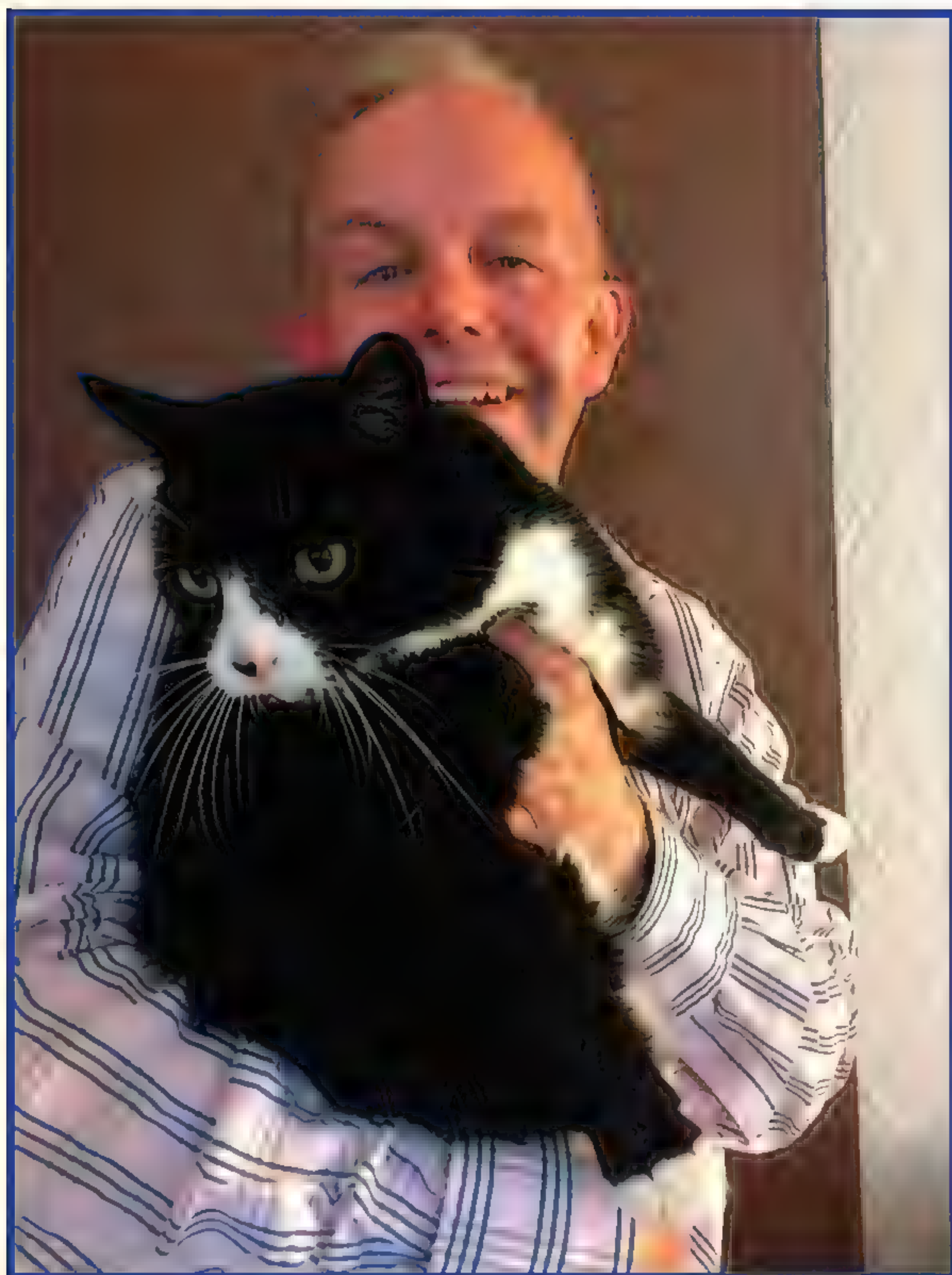
Nice wrap-up to the Patsy vs Hedy business, the methane drip business made some sense. As an old Defenders reader, I remember that story about Patsy's mother selling her daughter's soul, and it's good to know that she perhaps wasn't quite so contemptible as she was presented. And I choose to believe Hedy wasn't all about trying to steal Patsy's inheritance when she was visiting Dorothy in the hospital...there must have been some good in her.

Now, what's up with Patsy's memory, her not remembering Luke Cage, Jessica Jones and the adorable Dani? Is it a consequence of the recent not-reboot of the Marvel Universe?

Keep up the purr-fect work and...

...BEHOLD THE EMMY!

(And my boyfriend Steve)



Martin Gray
Leith
Edinburgh, UK

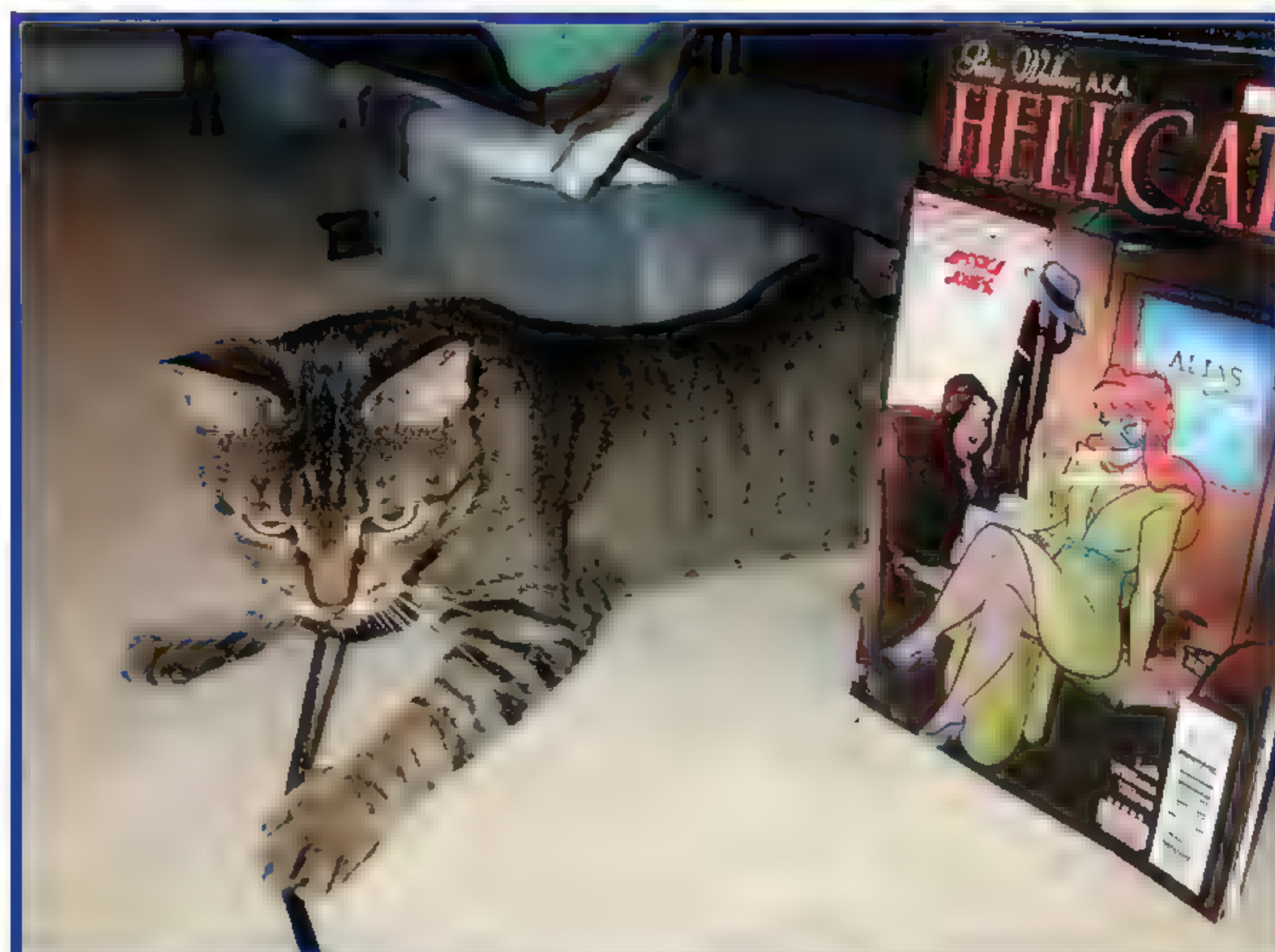
CHARLES: A LETTER ADDRESSED TO ME! Smart man, Martin. You know how to get yourself heard. Alas, I'll let Kate and Brittney handle this since they're the ones you REALLY want to hear from...

Hey, Martin! As you know, our comic world is somewhat separate from the regular Marvel Universe, so sometimes we fiddle with continuity to make the adventures work best for our book. Does Hellcat remember? Maybe! Kind of! She's got a lot on her plate. Love that cat!

BRITTNEY: I totally relate to Patsy. I forget everything too, but at least she has a good reason for it. I just forget...what were we talking about? WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?

Hello Kit-Kate, Brit-Kit and Meg-Meow!

My sister Sunny told me about your comic, and I just checked out issue #7! I love it! Patsy is a good role model for me. The artwork and story make me want to run around the house and jump for joy! Keep up the great work! Any chance of seeing Greer Nelson (Tigra, A.K.A. The Cat) in an upcoming issue of PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT?!



Love,
Ella A.K.A. Begrubelle
B'Ville, NJ

Heyyyy! We've got many cat, dog and duck-related heroes coming up in future adventures, so WHO KNOWS who may show up?! Thanks for checking us out, that is one cool kitty.

I'm down for drawing more cat people!

Hello Hellcats,

Just a short note to let you know that this 67-year-old geezer, who goes back to those early days before FF #1 when all it said was "MC" (?) on the cover of books that featured characters like Fin Fang Foom, Tim Boo Baa, Bruutu, Kraa, Klagg and Goom, is really enjoying the current HELLCAT series.

Issue #6 was a nice, enjoyable change of pace and when I read it, it really felt like a "Summer Fun" issue because the weather here really felt like midsummer, in the 80s, sort of a quiet, lazy day and hardly a breeze.

I'm hoping that eventually you'll feature some Marvel guest heroes in a few team-up issues. A few suggestions for you to consider are Ms. Marvel, Silk, Captain Marvel, Spider-Woman, Nova, She-Hulk and one or both of the new Spider-Men.

Keep up the good work and say hello to Patsy from my 18-year-old feline, Sammie, and my 6-year-old tough guy, Rocky.

Art Kazar
Forest Park, IL

Art! So glad we're making you smile. As for guest stars, we've got a bunch lined up too, especially into our third arc. Jubilee just showed up, and she'll be with us for a while. I have a feeling Patsy's going to be needing more friends...

Ah, summer fun. Sipping lemonade on the beach watching the clouds lazily drift by while reading comics. Good times, good times.

Fin Fang Foom seems like a magic spell. I'm pretty sure you could conjure something if you said that under the right circumstances.

I've got Winston, a resident comic shop cat, here who wanted to make sure you knew he loved your book. He assigned me to say this with words so that he could convey his excitement with physical expression. Obvs. He and I equally loved the Wes Craig cover for issue #7. Thanks for the great read, guys! And keep it coming!



Ben JM (and Winston)
Cleveland, OH

I love these cats!!! I love that everyone sends us cats!!! It is the best part of writing this book!!! Thank YOU!

Does Winston have any other reading suggestion or maybe advice on taxes? I need help in both CAtegories. ;)

Hello, HELLCAT editors! (Or whoever receives these fan mails.)

I've never written a fan letter before to anyone, so I've decided to try it out. HELLCAT is one of the only comics I read that I make an absolute effort to get as soon as I can (along with the current ANT-MAN ongoing), it's an absolute favorite of mine. I only bought the first issue because of it's pretty-looking hip-hop variant, but I was simply hooked. It's a real breath of fresh air in an industry stuffed with dark, gritty comics. Patsy is a really likable character (and did I mention really adorable, too?) and the inclusion of LGBT characters, especially bisexual characters, which most comics lack. It's great to see such a colorful and diverse set of characters in a well-written comic.

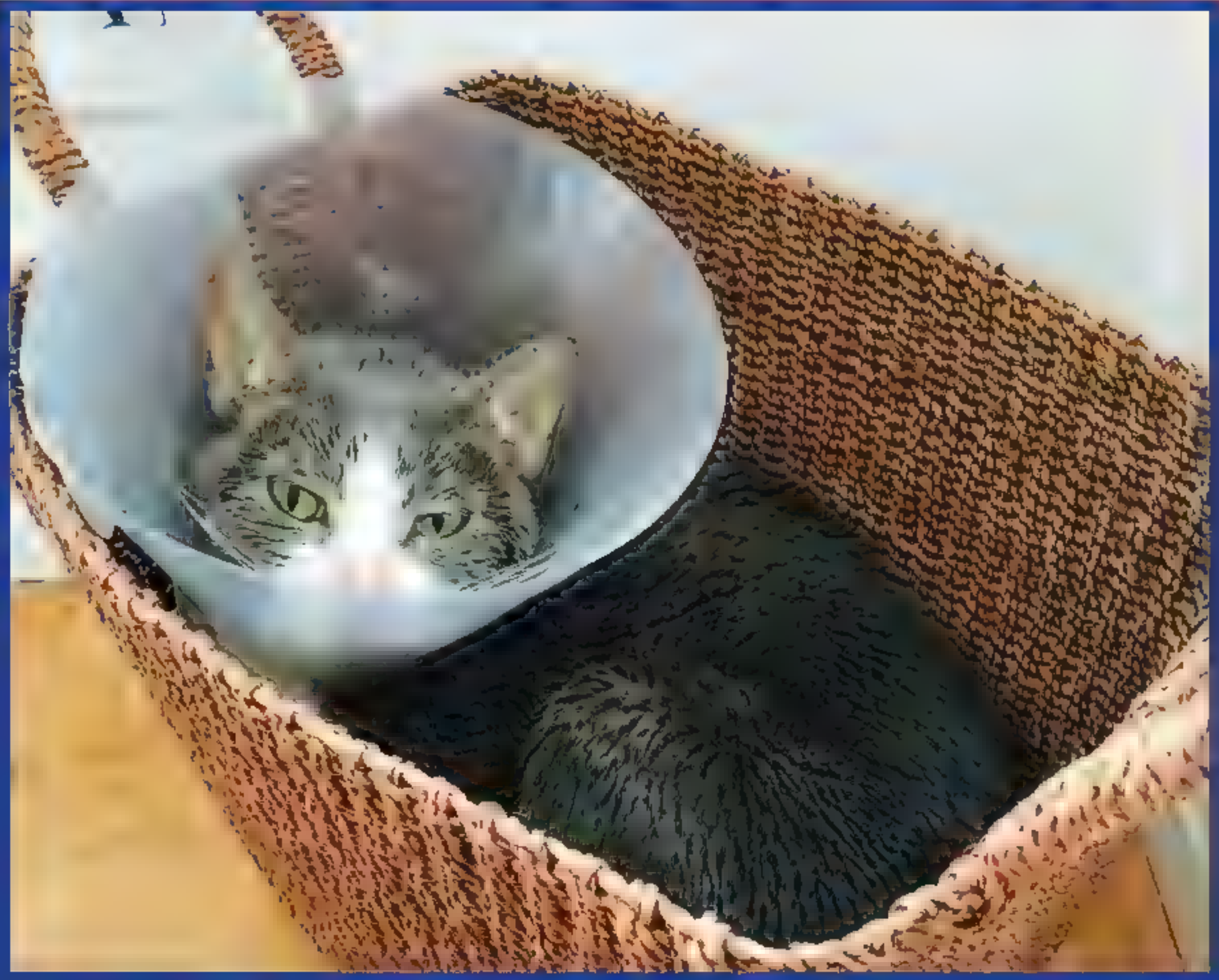
Thank you all so much for this wonderful comic,
Zack, from NJ

(P.S. Why was Hercules on the cover of issue #6 when he wasn't in the issue at all? I was so hyped for Herc and Shulkie kicking butt together!)

Haha, hey Zack! Thanks for your rad letter! As you may know, covers to issues are often finished MONTHS before the issue is written. Herc was in an earlier draft of the story but things changed, as they so often do! Comic covers can be deceiving...we sure hope what you found on the inside was a blast, all the same. :)

Also the artist of that cover is a very random and unreliable person who wanted to draw Hercules.

Before you go, remember Lili, the sweet kitty-friend of Marvel's SVP of Print, Sales and Marketing David Gabriel? Well, poor Lili had a gall stone removed last month. But she's doing well now, though. Can you tell how much she loves her cone??



That'll do it for us this month. Up next: Patsy copes, Hedy mopes, Mad-Dog and Hellstrom have Hellcat on the ropes... and our girl teams up with everyone's favorite teen X-Man-turned-vampire, JUBILEE!



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Patsy Walker, A.K.A.

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HELLCAT!

U.S. HELLSTROM & MAD DOG

A.K.A. HER EVIL EXES!

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Presiden



Leth
Williams
Wilson

Patsy Walker, A.K.A.

HELLCAT!

That's me!

THE **PATSY WALKER**
TEMP AGENCY

Since losing her gig as a private investigator, Patsy's been trying to start a temp agency for super-powered people who aren't interested in the hero business.

But by keeping busy with her new business and her new friends (*Jubilee!*), Patsy's sure to pull through...right?

But Patsy's plans kept getting interrupted by her high school frenemy *Hedy Wolfe*, who got the rights to publish a series of embarrassing comics starring teenage Patsy (awkward!).

The crew's celebration was cut short when *She-Hulk* was injured in a BIG super-battle. Now *Shulkie* is in a coma and Patsy's super-bummed.

Patsy called in her bestie/lawyer *She-Hulk* and super sleuth *Jessica Jones* to put Hedy in her place—legally, of course. And together they secured the publishing rights for Patsy!

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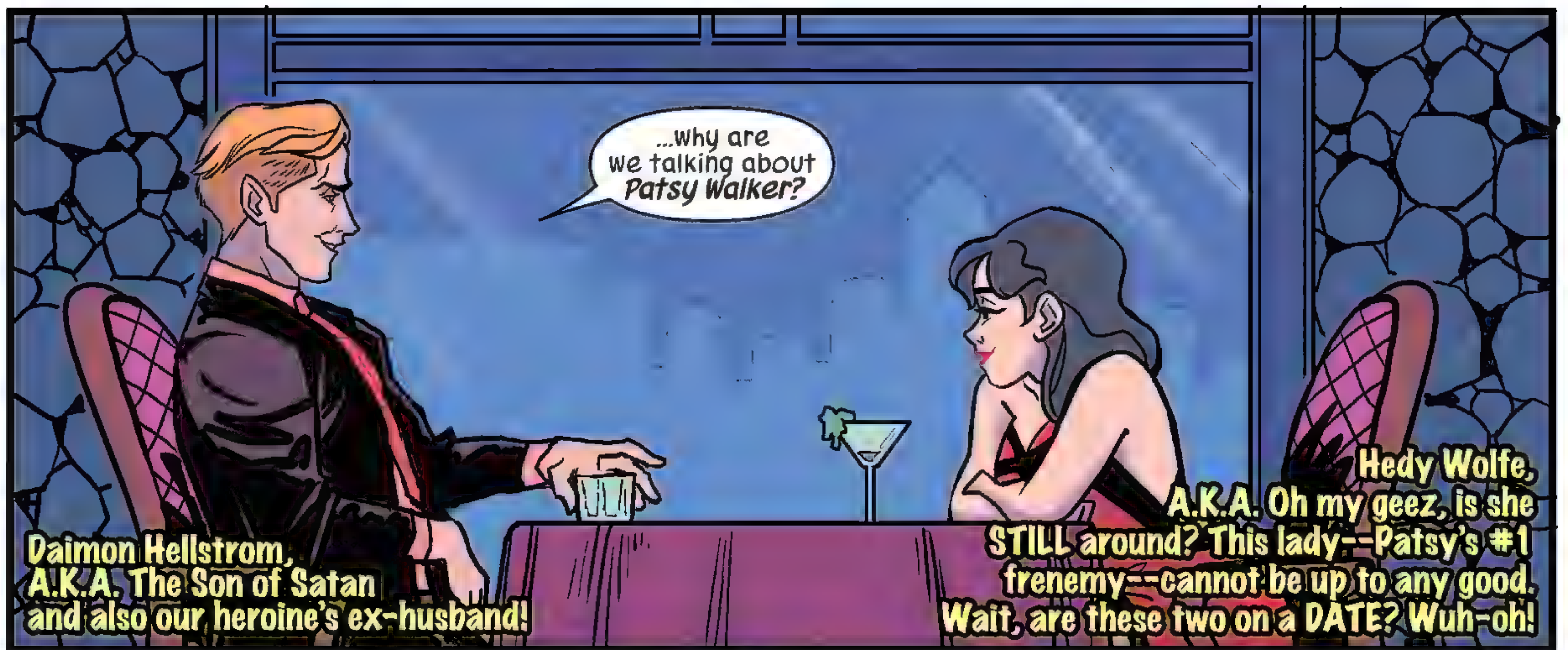
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I have to admit, I'm a little confused.

About what? I thought we were having a good time.

We are. It's just...



...why are we talking about Patsy Walker?

Daimon Hellstrom, A.K.A. The Son of Satan and also our heroine's ex-husband!

Hedy Wolfe, A.K.A. Oh my geez, is she STILL around? This lady--Patsy's #1 frenemy--cannot be up to any good. Wait, are these two on a DATE? Wuh-oh!

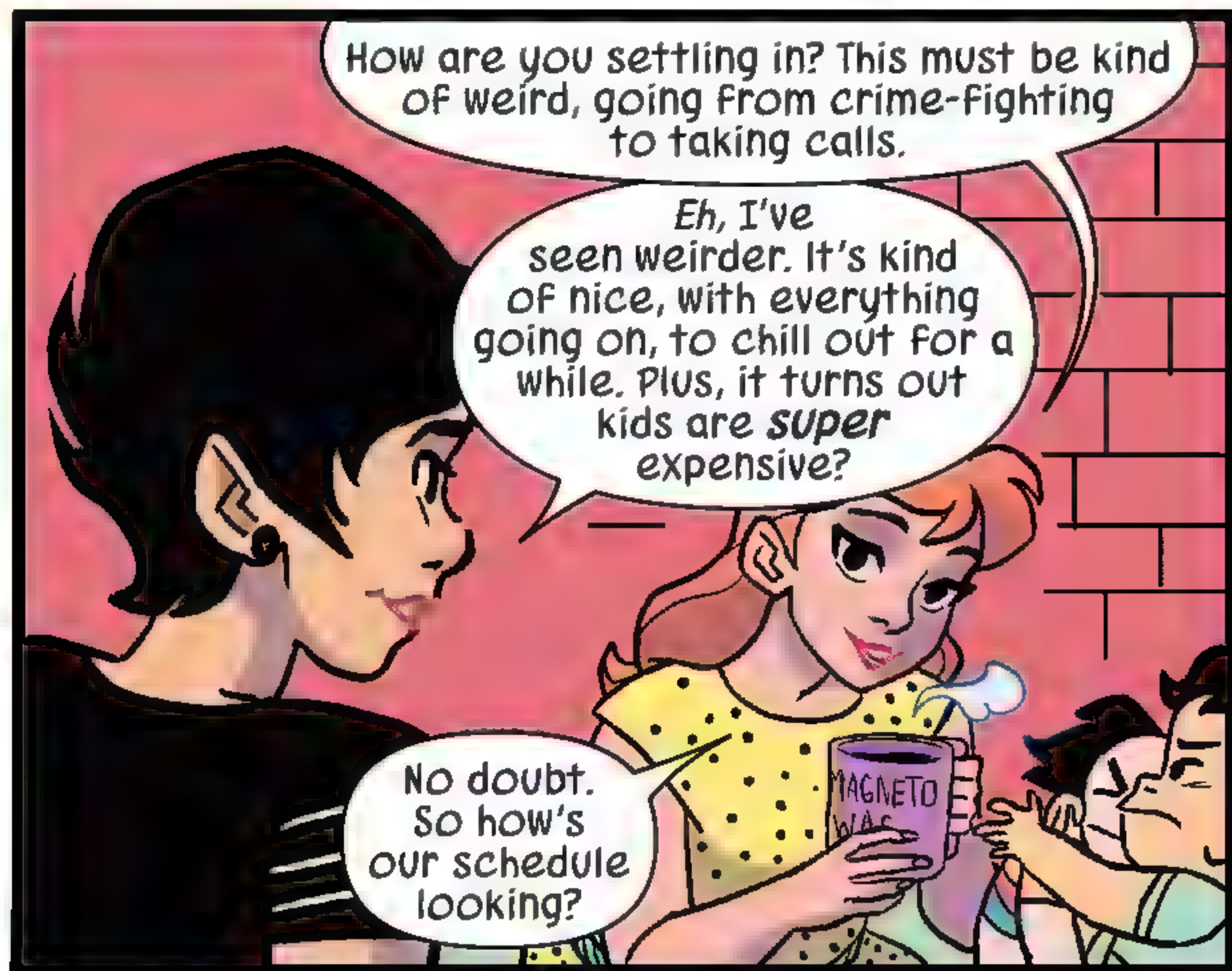
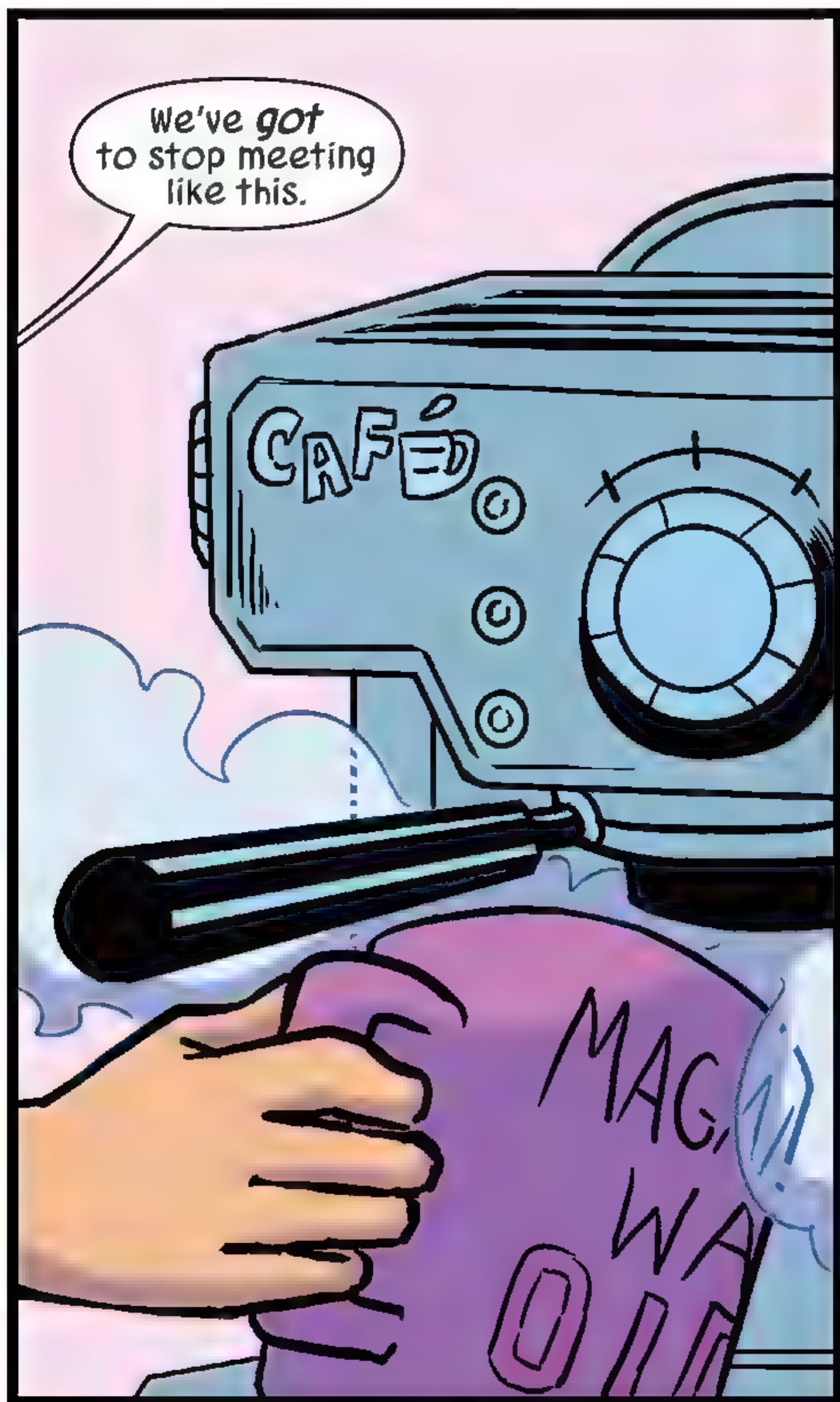


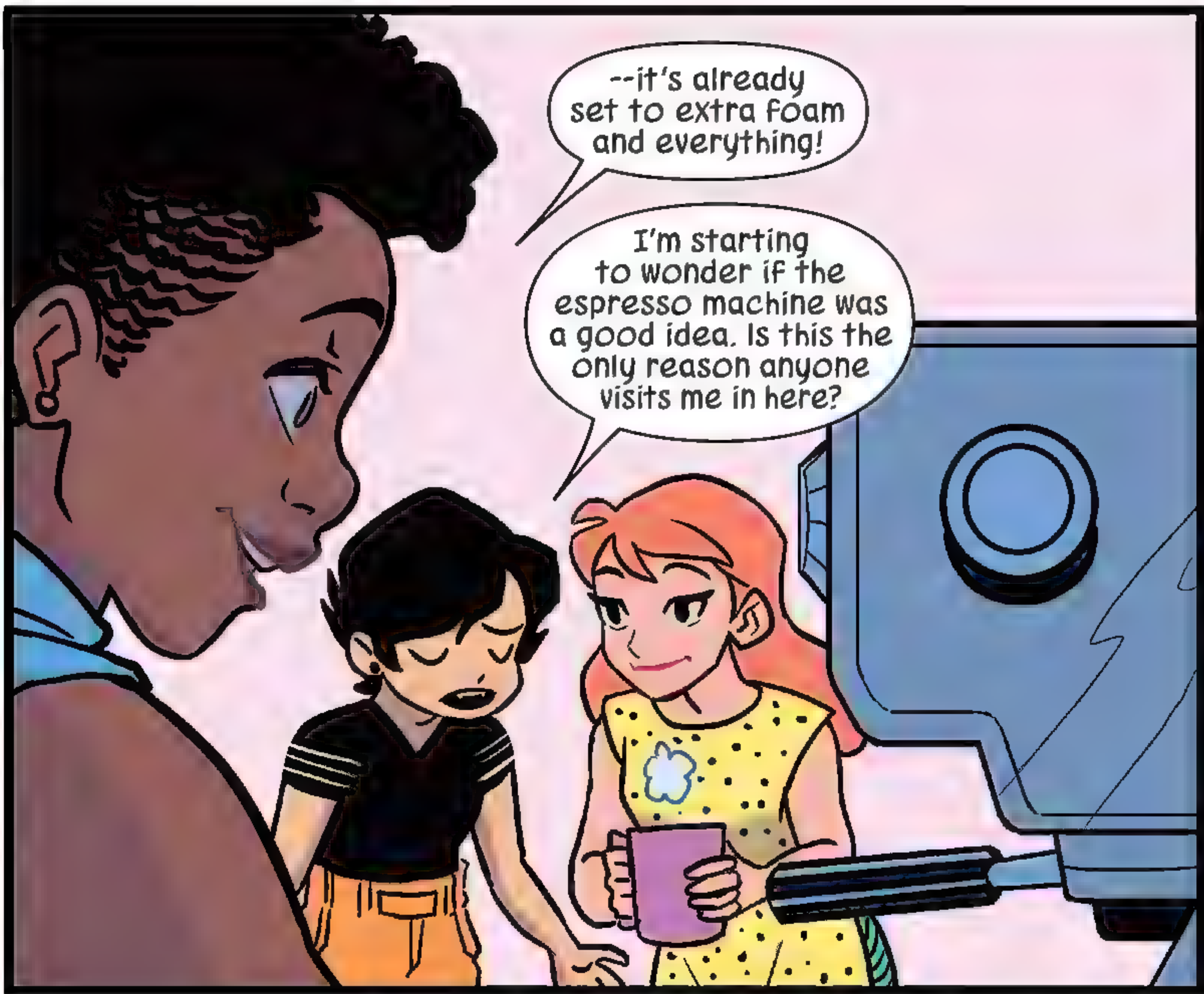
Oh, we don't have to! It's nothing, really. Forget I brought her up.



After all, she's only plotting to kill you.







ELSEWHERE...



RRRRRRRR...

YEEP!



Oh.
It's just
you.

What do
you want,
Hedy?

**Mad-Dog,
A.K.A. Buzz Baxter,
Patsy's high school
sweetheart and
first ex-husband!
Oh, Hedy, what
is your deal?**





Aw, look at you, all gruff and tumble. No love for your homecoming queen?



That was a lifetime ago. And for the record, you were never my--

Save it, all right? Please. I'm here with information, and it concerns our mutual acquaintance.



Who, Patsy? I heard you were in some kind of legal battle. I don't care.

I suspect you will.



No, I won't. Patsy and I... you and I...we were kids. It's over.

Wait, **BUZZ!** Please!



You need to hear this.



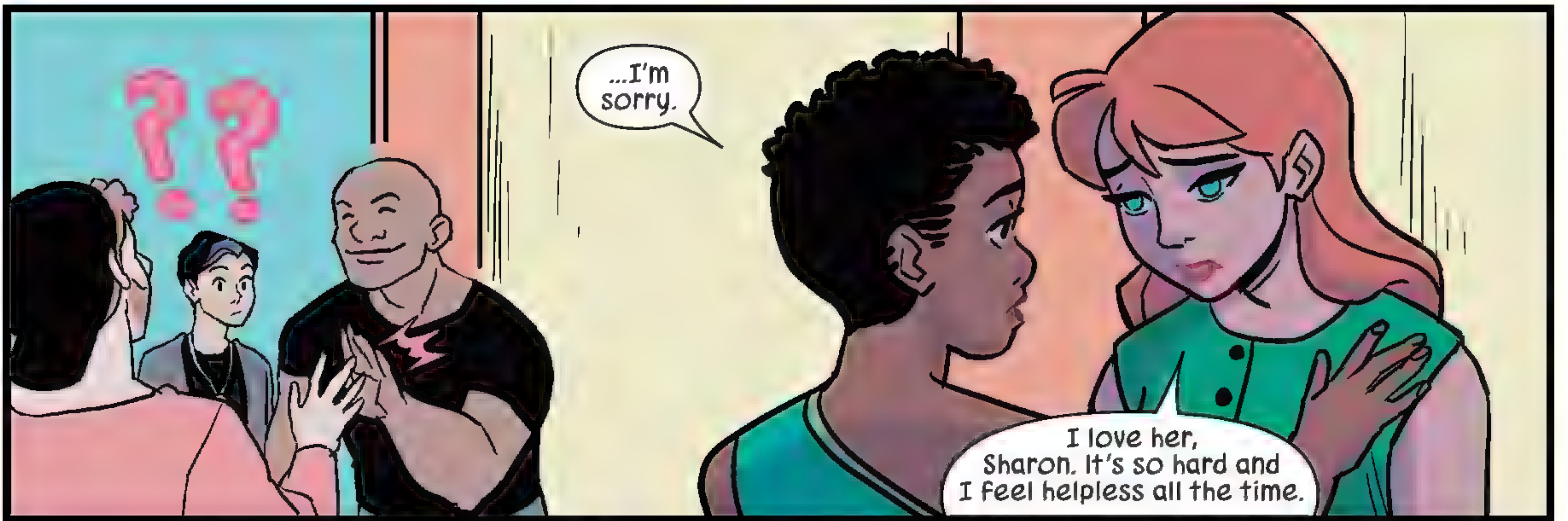


Will it?
You seem...
I don't want
to be cold, but
you seem
fine.

Heh.
Well. I'm
not.



You know
what it's like when
I stop working? When I
get home and it's 3 a.m.,
and there's nothing left
to do, so it finally hits
me that Jen's still in
a *coma*?



...I'm
sorry.

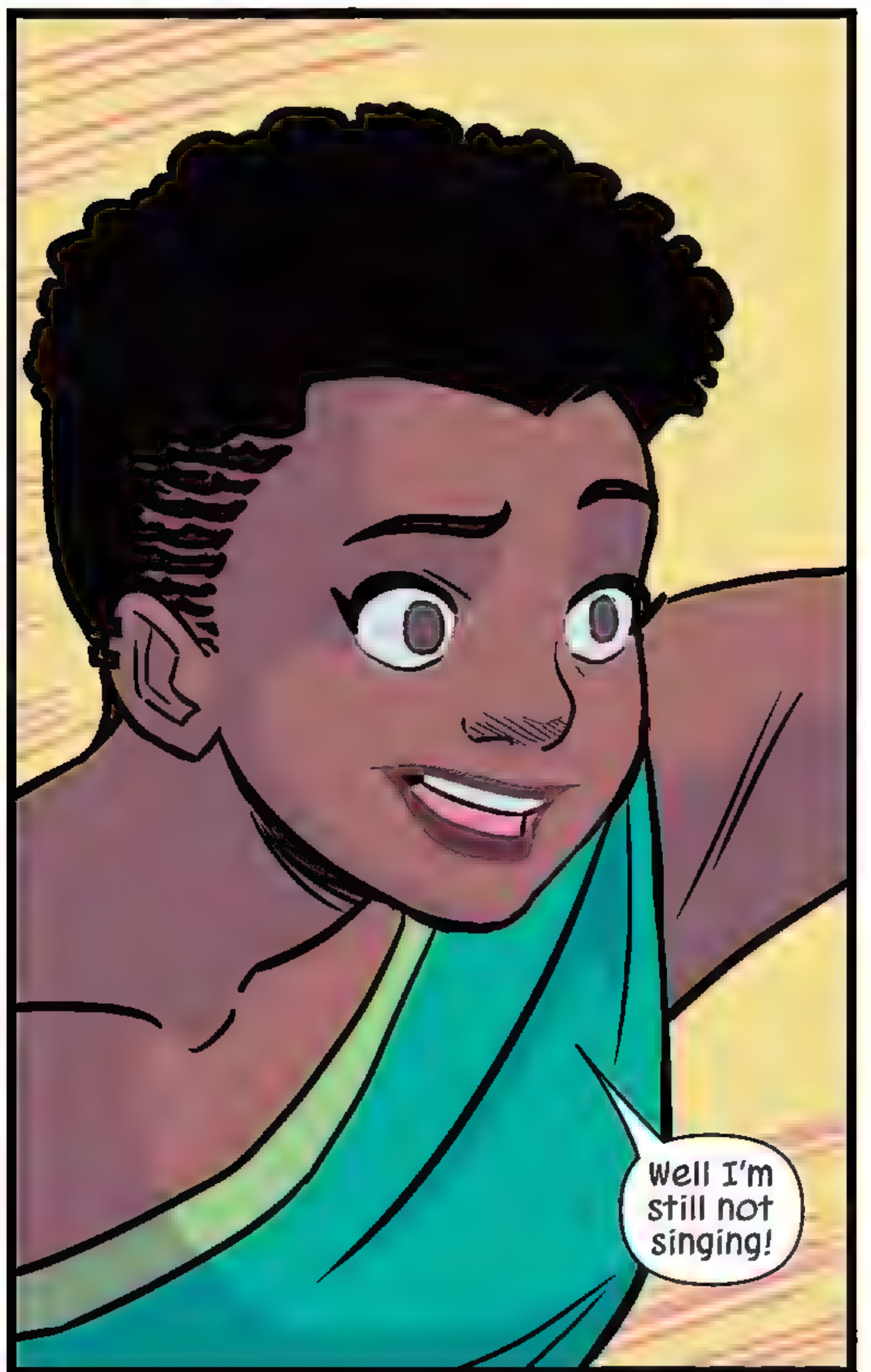
I love her,
Sharon. It's so hard and
I feel helpless all the time.



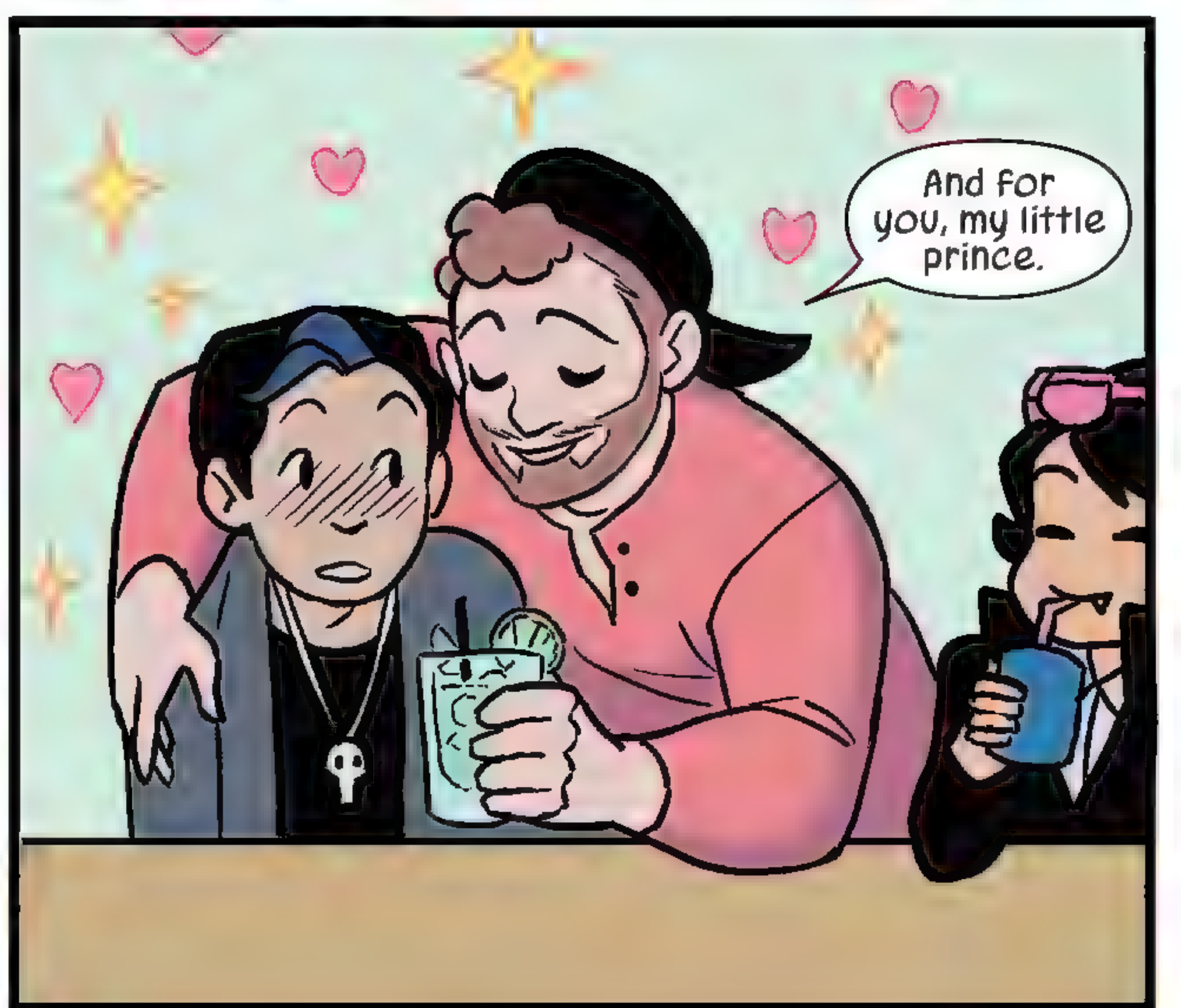
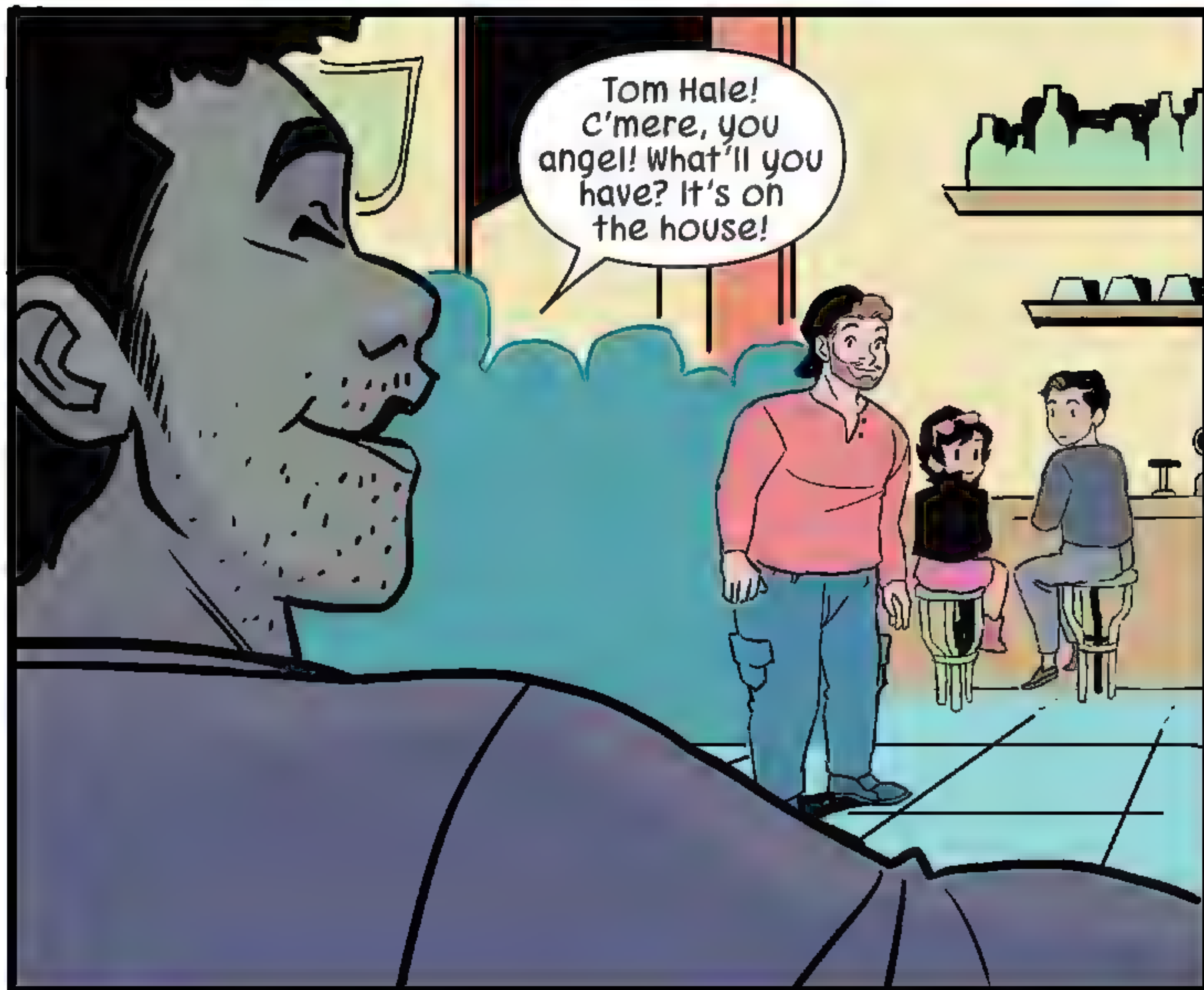
But
if I'm going
to be awake
all night,
hey--



--I might as
well be awake with
my friends.



Well I'm
still not
singing!





So is that guy...your boyfriend?

My boss, actually.



Goood luck with that.

Mmhmm.



Okay, kids, up next, we have a very special someone you all know and love, back with us by popular demand after *far* too long an absence--



--Mister Tommy Two-Step.

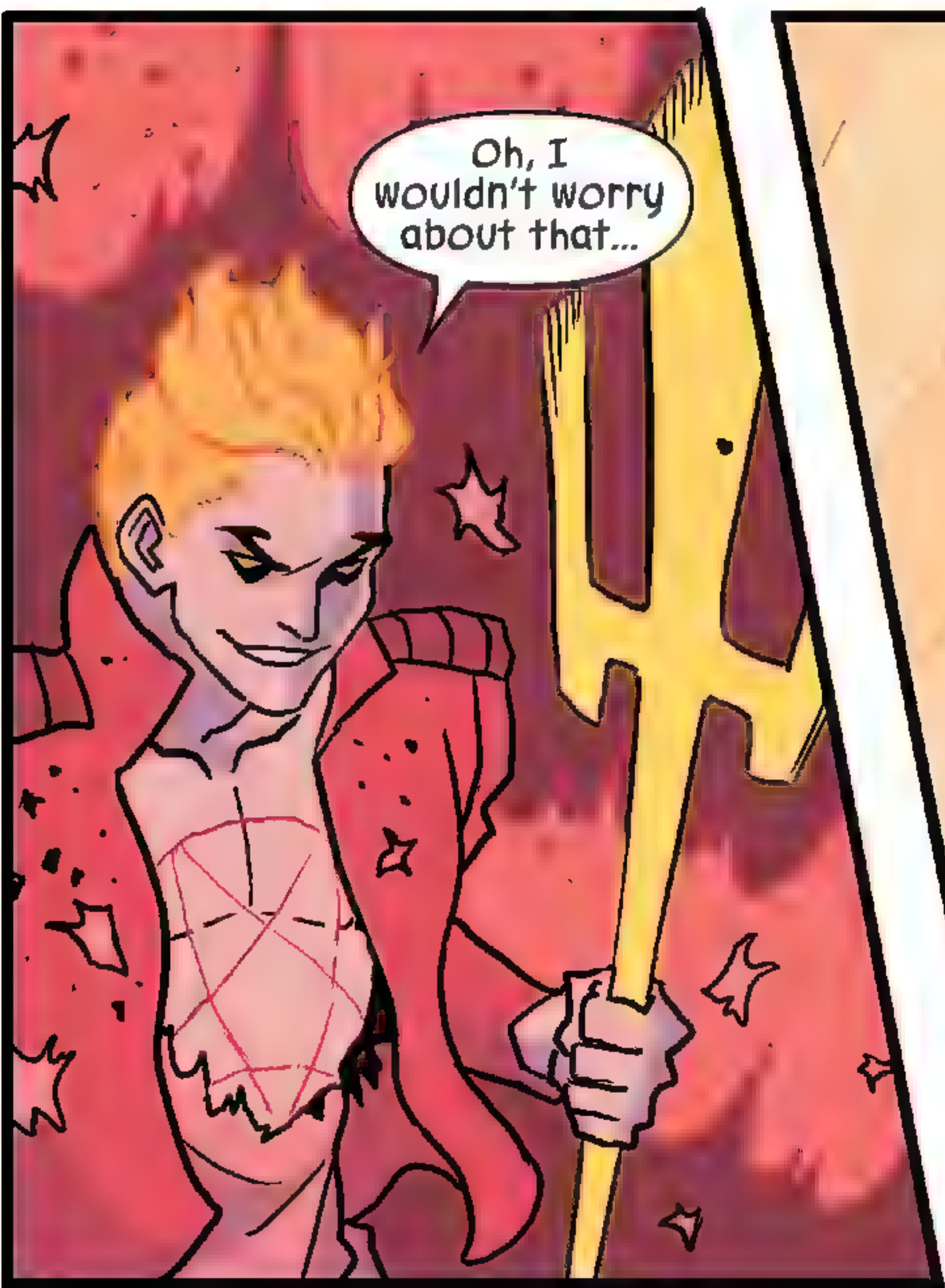
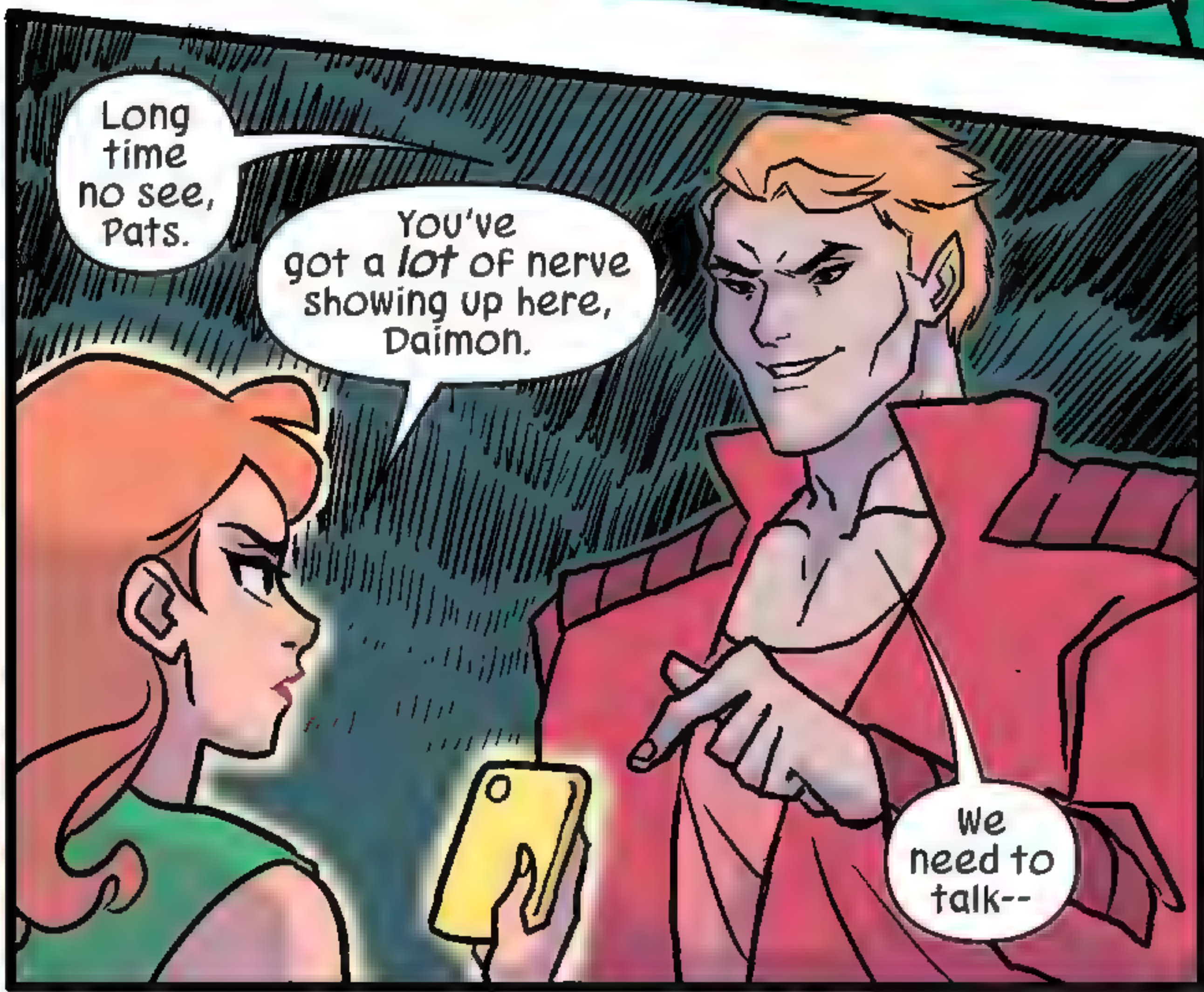
Hello, Midnight Radio! Have you missed me?



Follow-up: Are you ready to kick it old-school?

No. Friggin. WAY.









Hooo-boy.

Who's *this* clown?

Not even one of the better-known clowns.

He's Patsy's ex, if you can believe it.



Y'know, somehow I can.

Well, I'm not waiting under this table to get staked by accident.



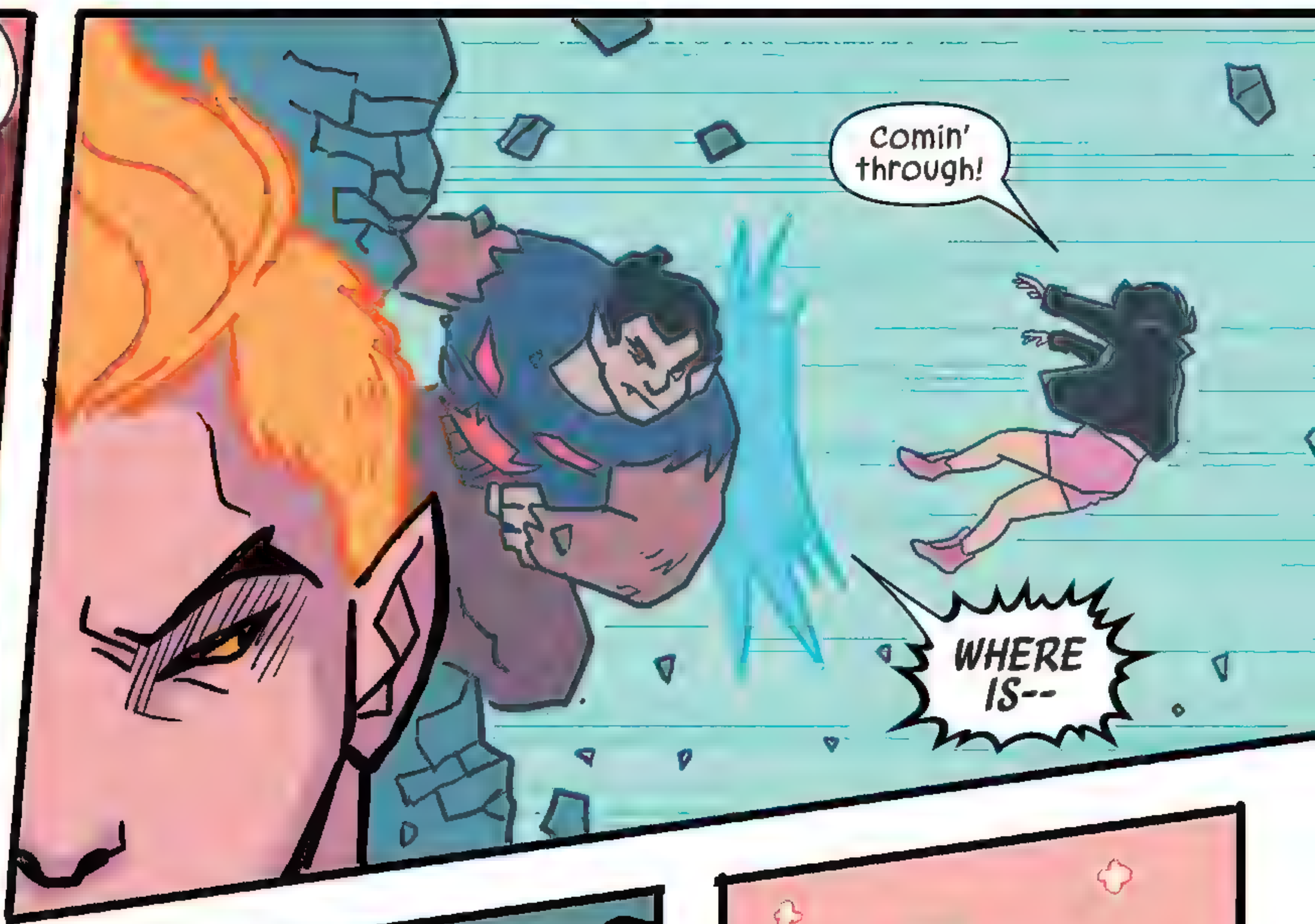
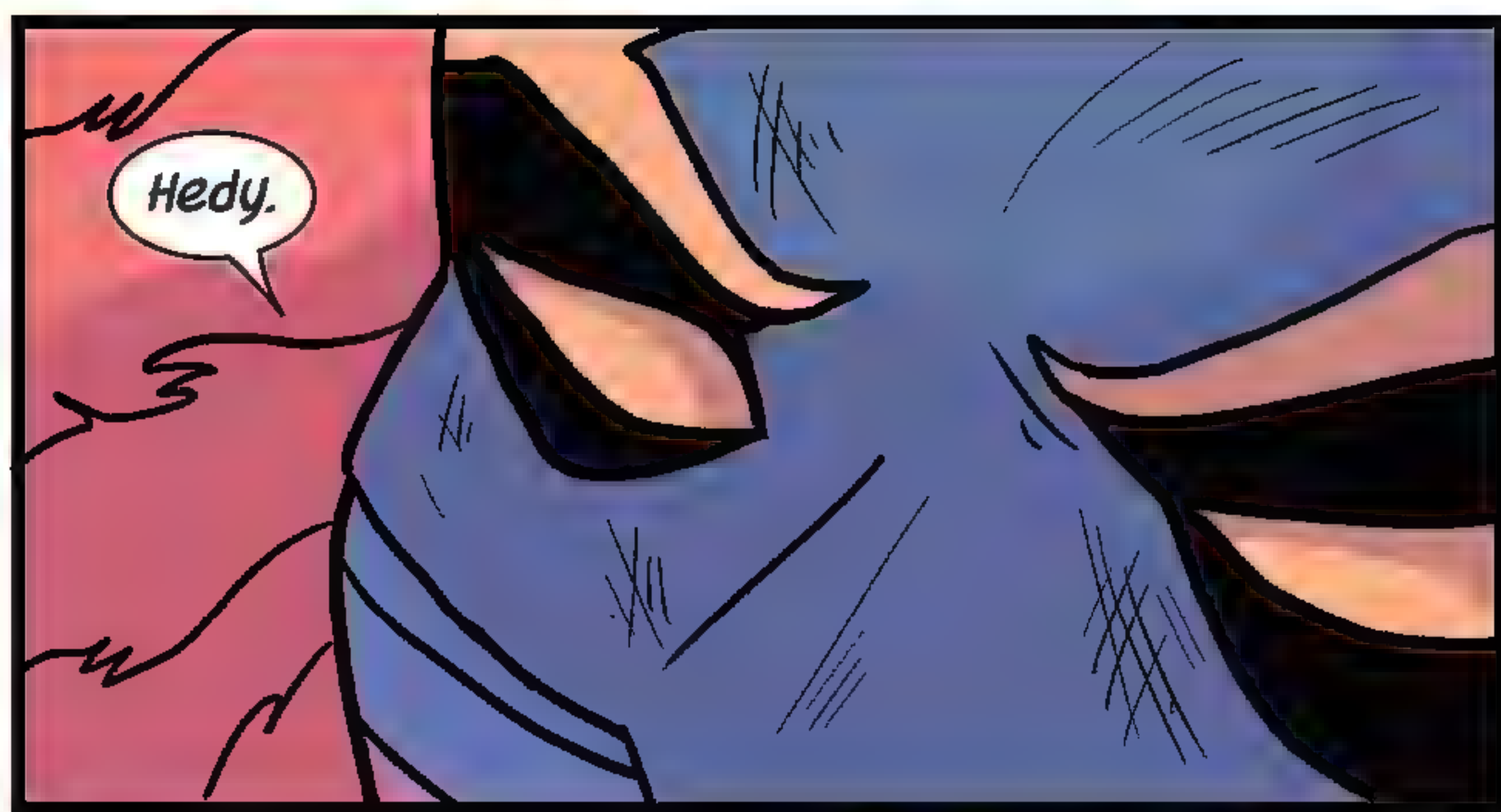
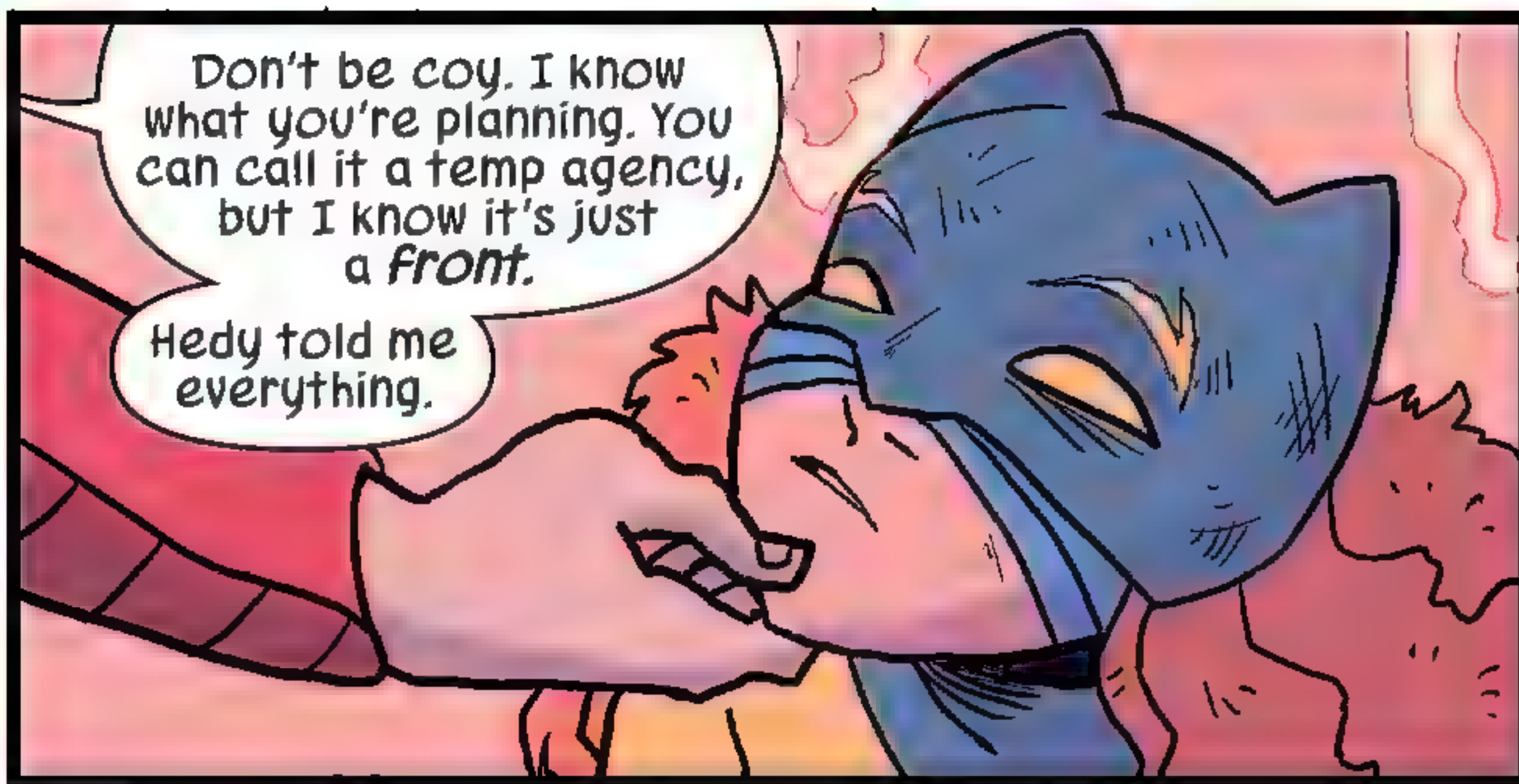
That's cool. I think we're good here, though.

Yep.

Thanks, BRB.

Good luck!

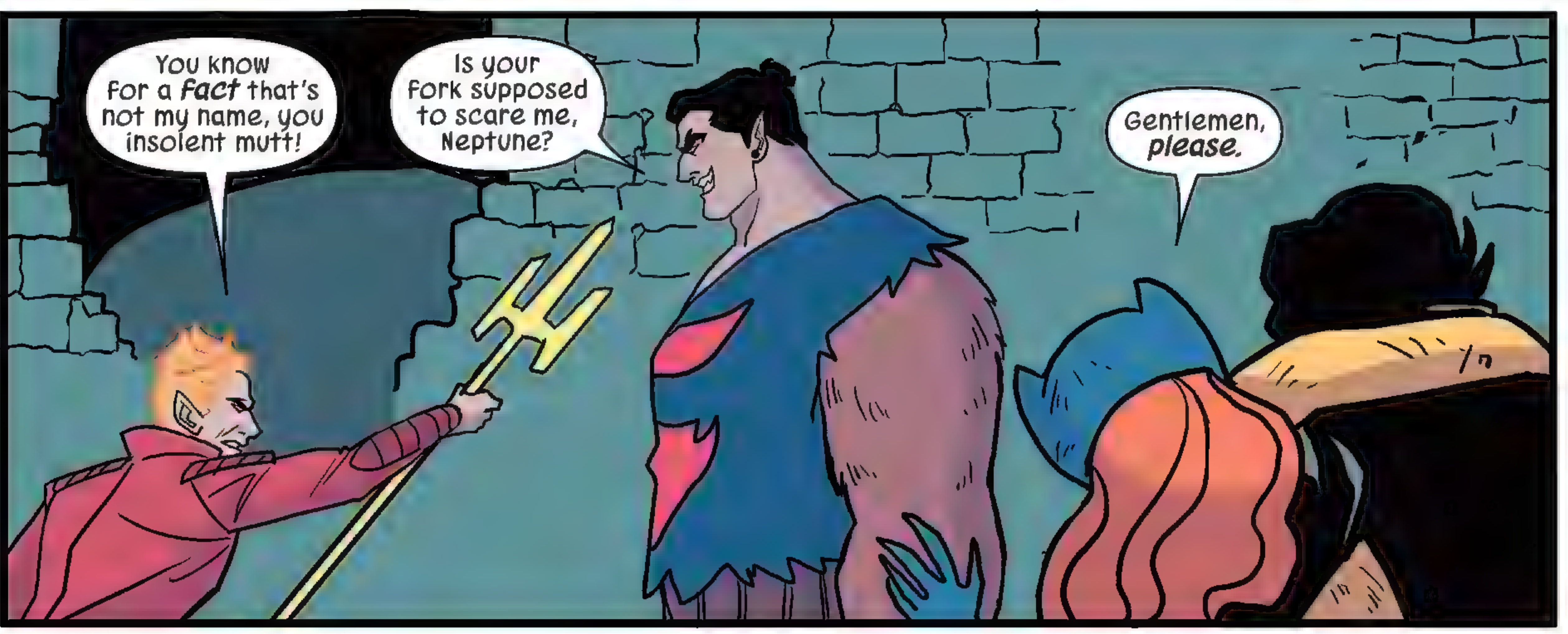






Buzz Baxter?

Hell-boy?



You know for a *fact* that's not my name, you insolent mutt!

Is your fork supposed to scare me, Neptune?

Gentlemen, please.

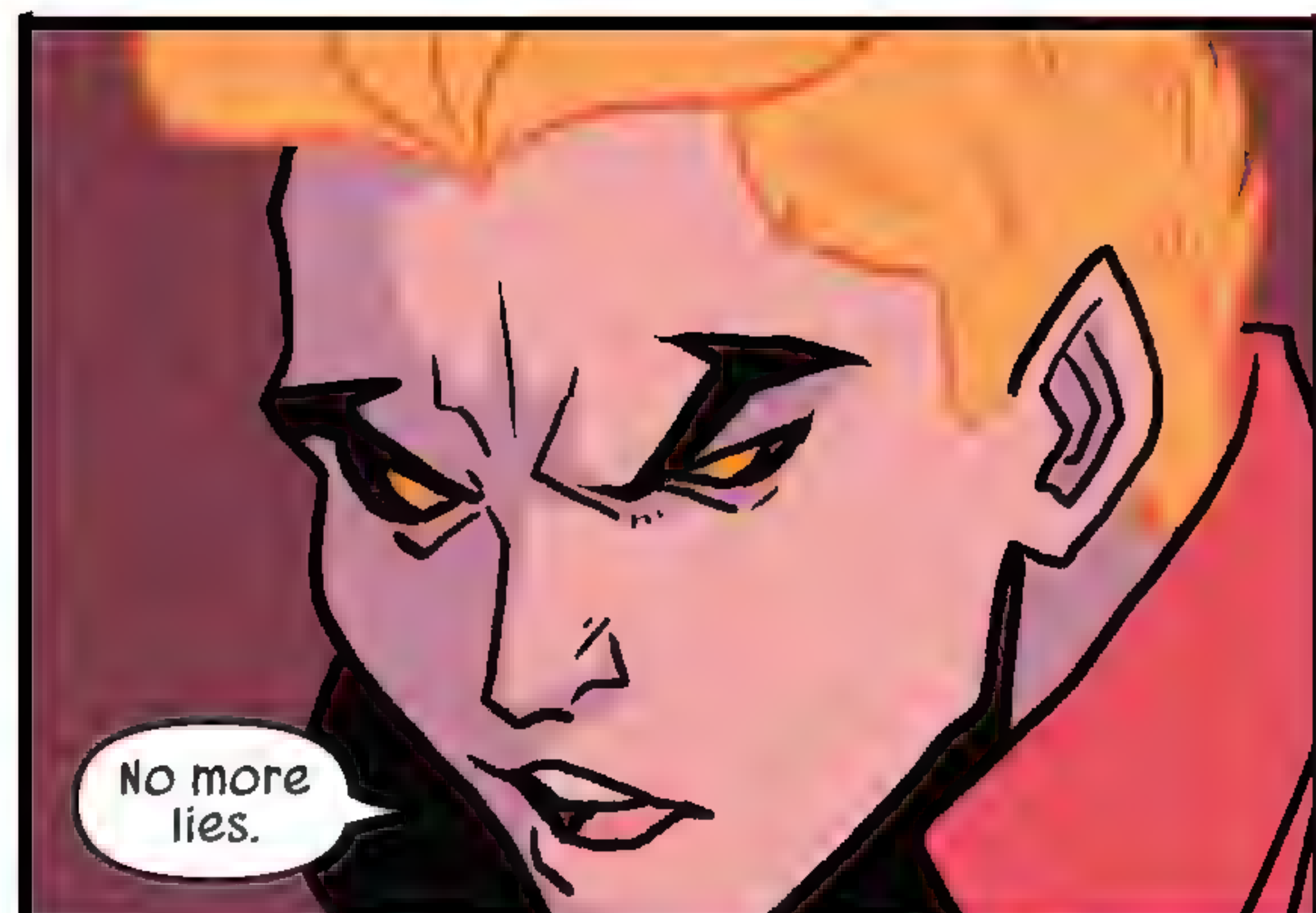


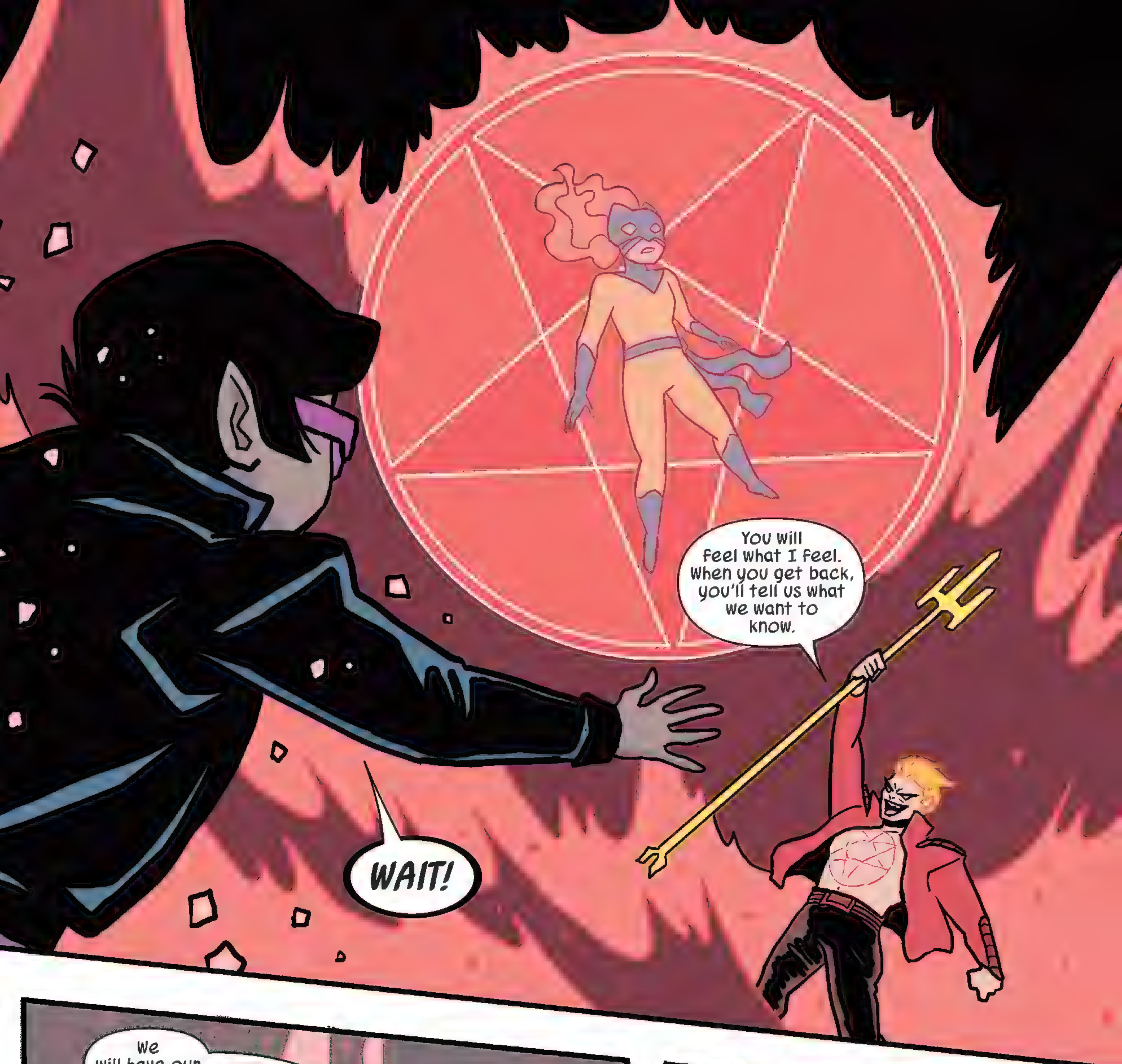
You're right. I'm done talking.



Let's start fighting.

Yeep!





You will
Feel what I Feel.
When you get back,
you'll tell us what
we want to
know.

WAIT!



We
will have our
answers.

You
idiot! What did
you do?

Yeah, what
is she supposed
to do in another
dimension?



Reflect.

Patsy?

Where
am I?

Hell. Or, I
suppose, something
like it.

Am I
dead?

I don't
know. You've
been dead before.
What did it feel
like?

Different.

Well.
That makes
sense.

You're
lost.





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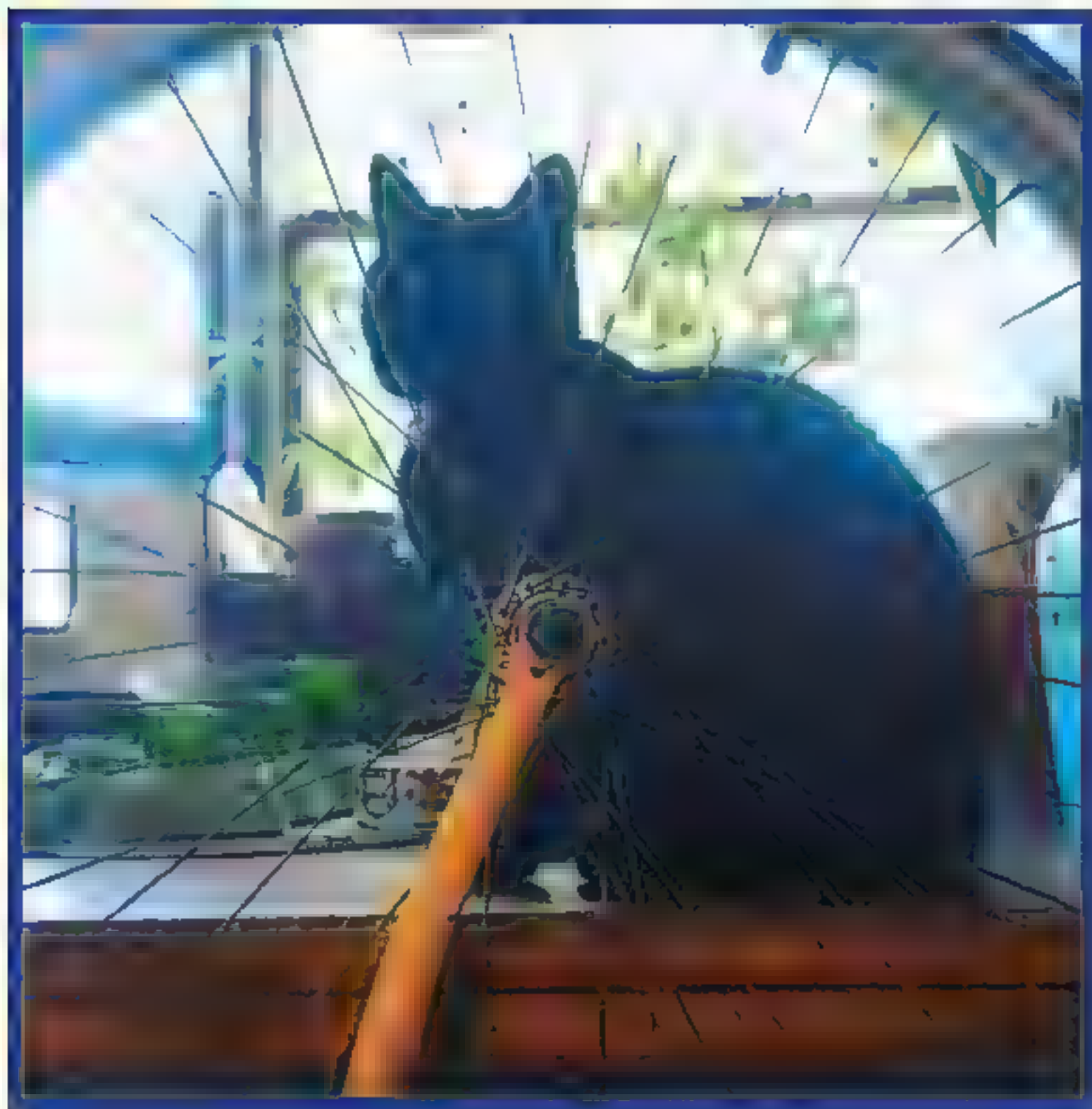
Hey again, Hellkittens! Kate here. Welcome to the aftermath of the aftermath, and welcome, Jubilee, Mad-Dog, and Hellstrom to the wacky world of Patsy Walker. This two-parter is going to get real weird next issue, so stay tuned! Until then...

Hey Team Hellcat!

On an impulse I bought HELLCAT issues #2-7 one day after my weekly comicbooking class. (Issue #1 was out of stock!!) I am working at a summer camp and wanted some quick reads to treat myself to on my (very) infrequent breaks. Two weeks later it is 11:04pm and I have just finished issue #4. I saw in the fanmail section that Gillen and McKelvie worked on something Marvel and I flipped out a little bit, *The Wicked + The Divine* being my fav comic at the moment, would you mind telling me what the series is so I can find and read the hell(cat) out of it?

Before I forget, I want to compliment the art and character design for all of the amazing characters in HELLCAT, as a comicbooker wannabe, I always go for the series with art styles slightly out of the ordinary to study and compare to others. Keep up the amazing work, this series makes me want to go back and read all of the series related to it. I want to know how Hellcat died!!

Attaching a pic of my cat Worm, he was really photogenic that day <3



Sulu

Hey Sulu! Nothing kicks off a letters column like an artistic cat portrait, and that little angel is looking GLORIOUS. The other series you're looking for is YOUNG AVENGERS, which is fabulous, and you should pick it up yesterday. As for the art, we all know Brittney's the best, right? She is!!!

BRITTNEY: I'm very glad the art captured your attention! Welcome to the Hellcat fan club!

Is Worm about to go for a bike ride? My cat prefers scooters.

Hello all!!

When I first saw Marvel was making a new Hellcat comic, I honestly wasn't that excited. But then I went on tumblr, read a couple panels and instantly realized I needed to go pick up the first issue. So I did. While reading the first issue, about two pages in, it became blatantly obvious that I must subscribe to this series

immediately. It has easily become my most anticipated comic each month. My heart is always warmed by Patsy's silly antics and crazy adventures. It boggles my mind that this series isn't the highest grossing comic of all time. Keep doing what you're doing because what you're doing is fan-freaking-tastic!!

Love forever,
Charlie Moe
Chippewa Falls, WI

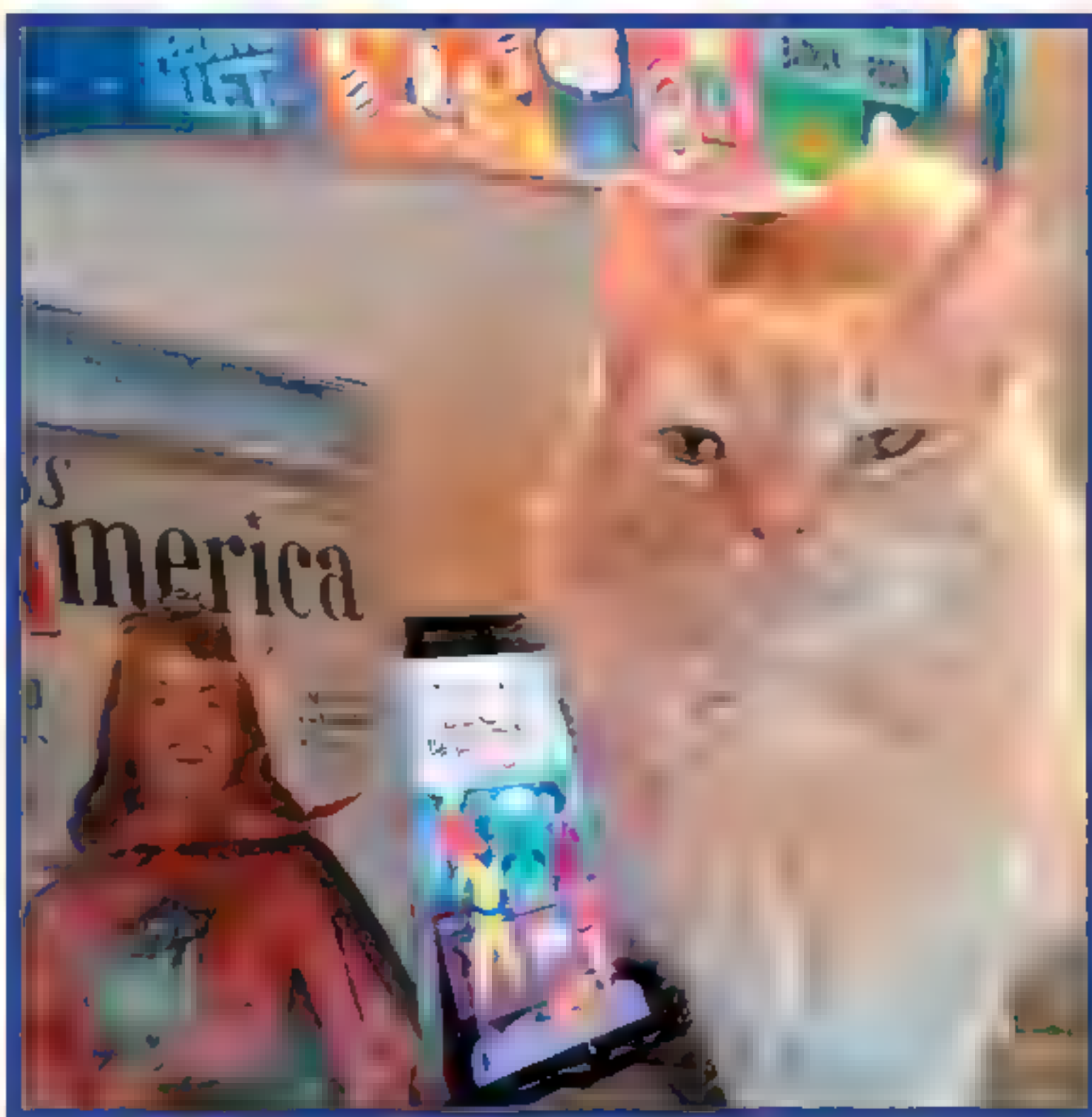
Hey Charlie! Glad we caught you and roped you into our book, ha! I'm so pleased to see so many people who picked up the book on a whim and fell for it—we're thrilled. Thanks for tuning in!!

The Hellcat team loves you, Charlie Moe!

Hi gang!

We're just writing in to let you know how much we LOVE Patsy Walker and her new comic series! The writing and artwork are both fun and amazing, and the characters and guest stars (more She-Hulk!) are top notch. As you can see, our buddy Dexter seems to think so too!

We hope to be reading PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT for years to come.



Gretchen and Samantha (and Dexter!)

Aww, I was so happy until your request for more She-Hulk. I would love that, too! We'll see what happens—thanks a lot, CIVIL WAR II!!! :^O (But seriously, thanks! Give Dexter a snuggle from us!)

Ooh! Does Dexter collect rare CGC comics and magazines? We should trade stuff!

Dear PATSY WALKER team,

As a She-Hulk fan I wish to thank you from the bottom to the top of my geeky heart for the eighth issue of your fun series. I always considered the Wasp to be She-Hulk's best friend as they were both longtime Avenger members/teammates but slowly but surely both the Charles Soule run on SHE-HULK as well as this series won me over to the She-Hulk/Hellcat dynamic duo. When She-Hulk was critically injured in the FREE COMIC BOOK DAY issue at first I was in denial. It had had HAD to be a vision and not what actually happened. To my anger I fled when CIVIL WAR II #1 came out with those events being factual. I've always considered She-Hulk to be Marvel's top

female character and to see her so damaged not against Thanos but from an accident was upsetting and infuriating to say the least of it. She-Hulk has had a truly wonderful history within the Marvel Universe I sincerely hope it is not over.

Having America Chavez tell Patsy it wouldn't be easy and she wouldn't have much time and then Patsy responding in short but determined and firm replies highlighted how strong Walker and Walters' friendship has become. Man, oh man, the panels where Patsy is holding Jennifer's hand washed me over in a tidal wave of sadness which returned for a second crashing wave when Walker explains how Jen was the best, helping her when she needed it, providing stability to now stand on her own, and overall having her back in any way she can. Seeing the whole supporting cast from the super hero apartment was also great and as Angie said, showed the different ways people face tragedy some hold onto hope despite the despair they face boldly, while some rage against it to fight and only hope when they achieve the victory they seek. The flashbacks also helped tremendously provide levity to this sorrowful story. A team-up move is always appreciated in my book and added to it was the thugger's naiveté provided a scene I'm sure was almost as delicious as that Unconquerable Pizza.

My gratitude for honoring She-Hulk,
Christian Romano

Aww, Christian! That is so sweet. Y'know, our book is a lot of goofs and laughs, but Jen is a character we almost owe our book to, and is someone I adore not just as a super hero but as a person. We felt like our strange little corner of the Marvel Universe was built around her (the building, quite literally), and there was no way we were going to let her injury go unnoticed. We love Jen, Patsy loves Jen, and we did our best to do her justice. Thank you! <3

WE LOVE YOU, SHE-HULK!!

Cries disgustingly in corner.



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Patsy Walker, A.K.A.

HELLCAT[®]

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#10



Patsy Walker, A.K.A.

HELLCAT!

That's me!

THE **PATSY WALKER**
TEMP AGENCY

Since losing her gig as a private investigator, Patsy's been trying to start a temp agency for super-powered people who aren't interested in the hero business.

Did they want to fight? Talk things over like adults? Well, Hedy's convinced the exes that Patsy has a master plan to ruin their lives, so...Daimon banished Patsy to another dimension. Typical!

But Patsy's plans kept getting interrupted by her high school frenemy **Hedy Wolfe**, who got the rights to publish a series of embarrassing comics starring teenage Patsy (awkward!).

Luckily, Patsy has great friends to cheer her up, including her new assistant, **Jubilee**! Jubes thought karaoke might lift Patsy's spirits, and it did! That is, until her exes, **Daimon Hellstrom** and **Buzz Baxter**, barged in!

Patsy called her bestie/lawyer **She-Hulk** to help--and they won the case! But the excitement was short-lived--She-Hulk was injured in a super-battle! Now she's in a coma and Patsy's heartbroken.

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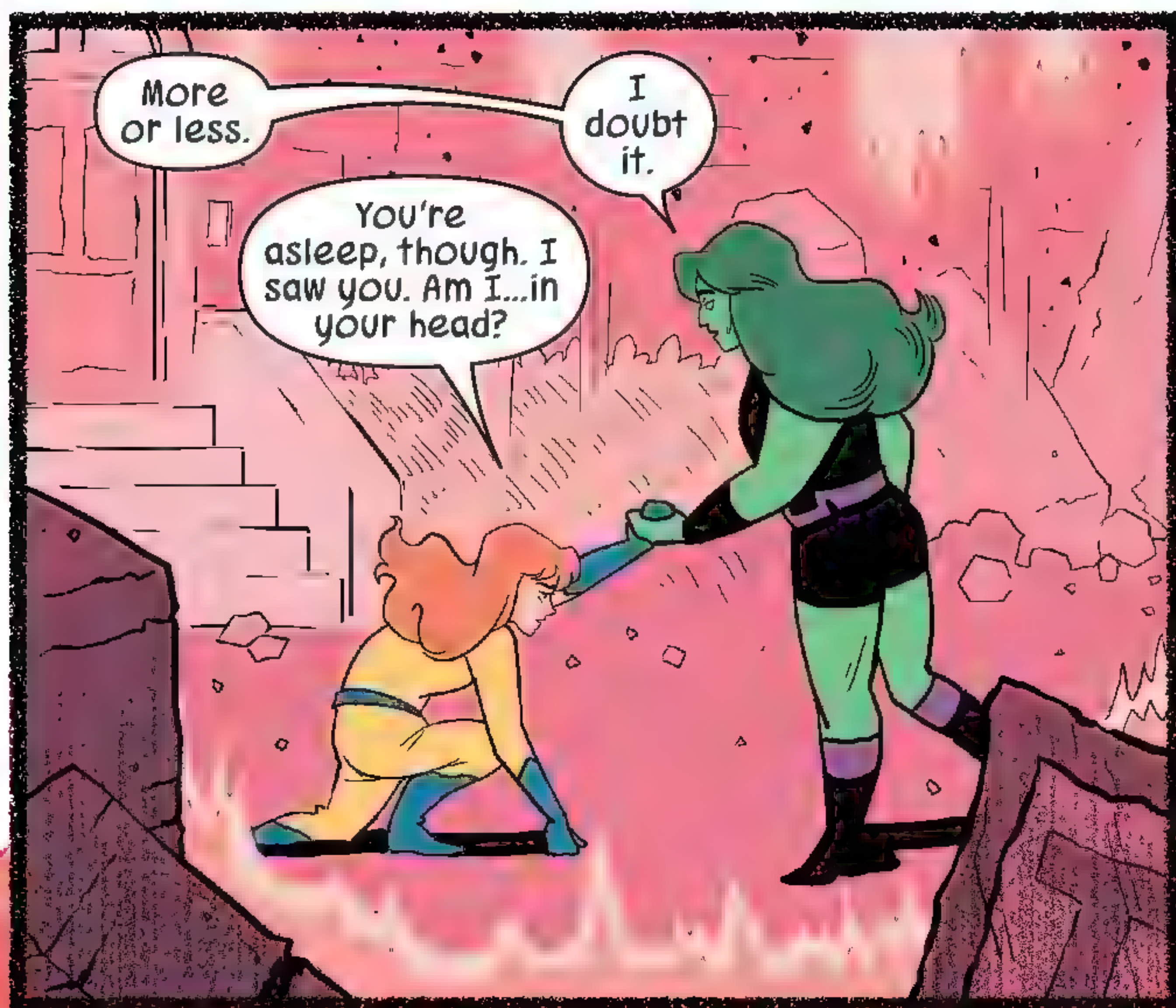
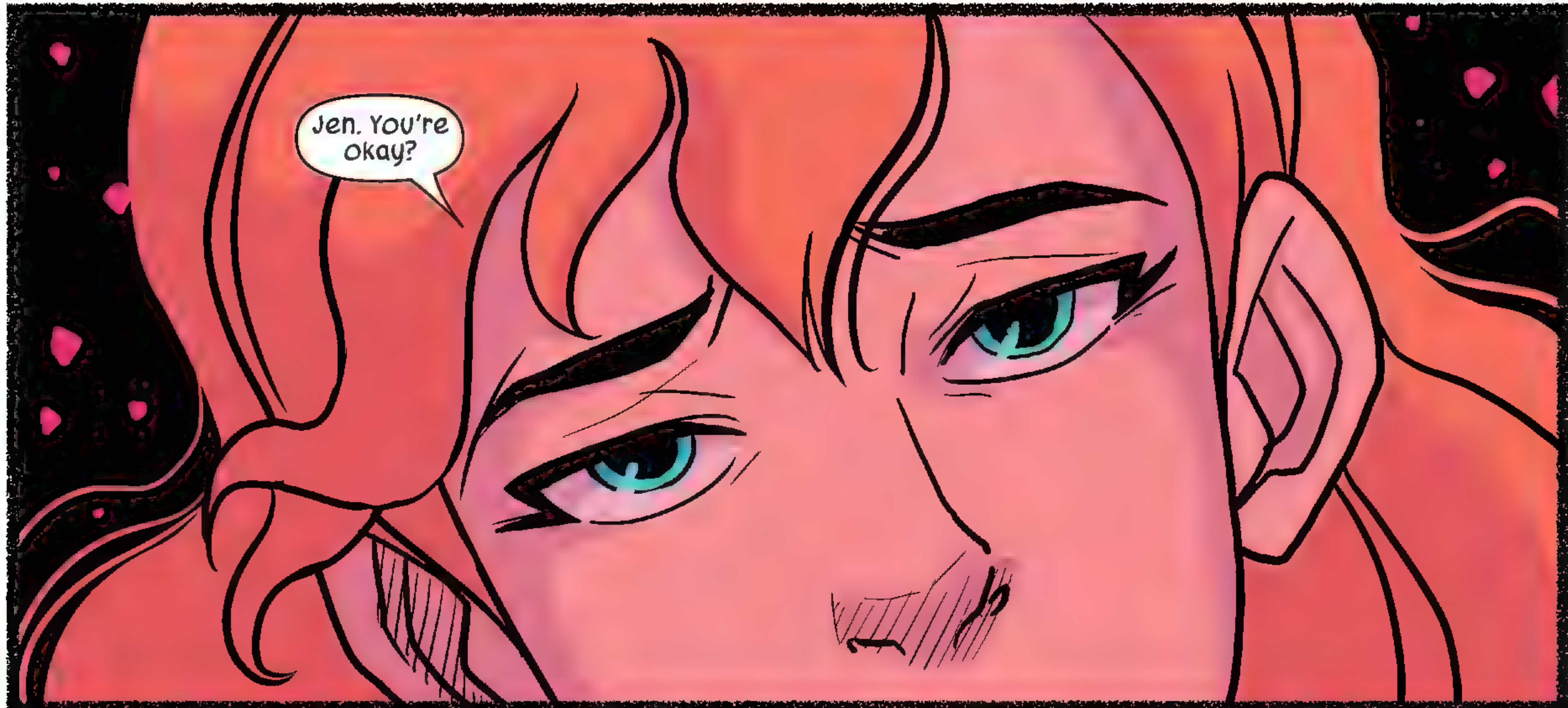
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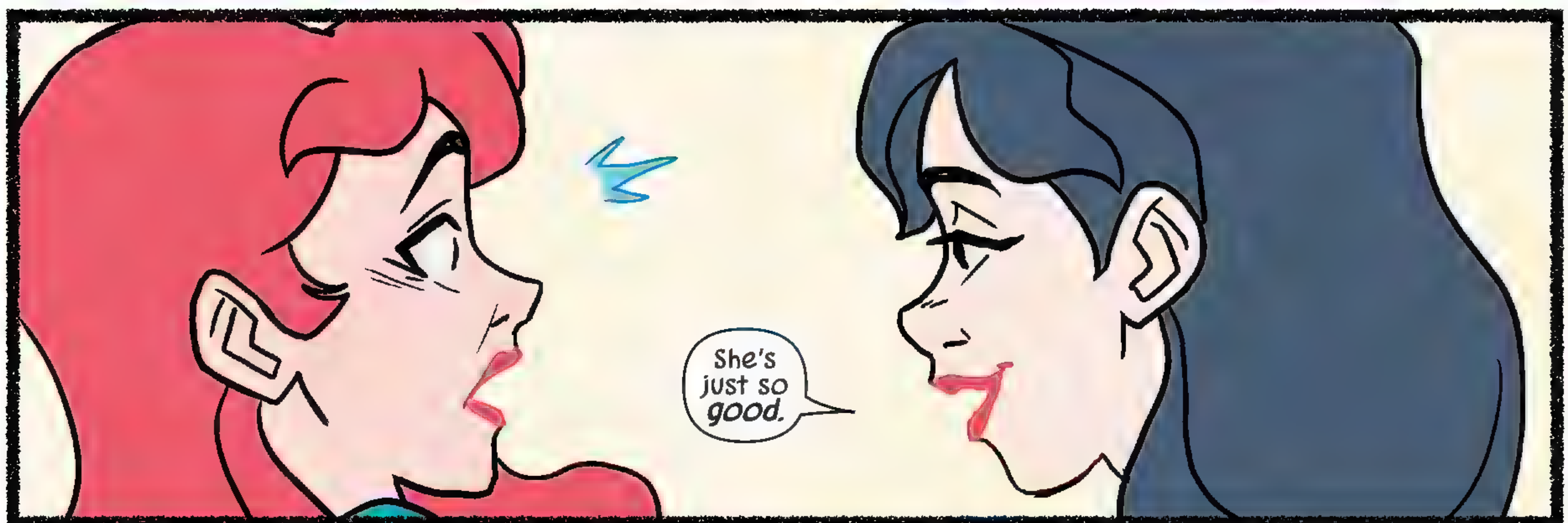
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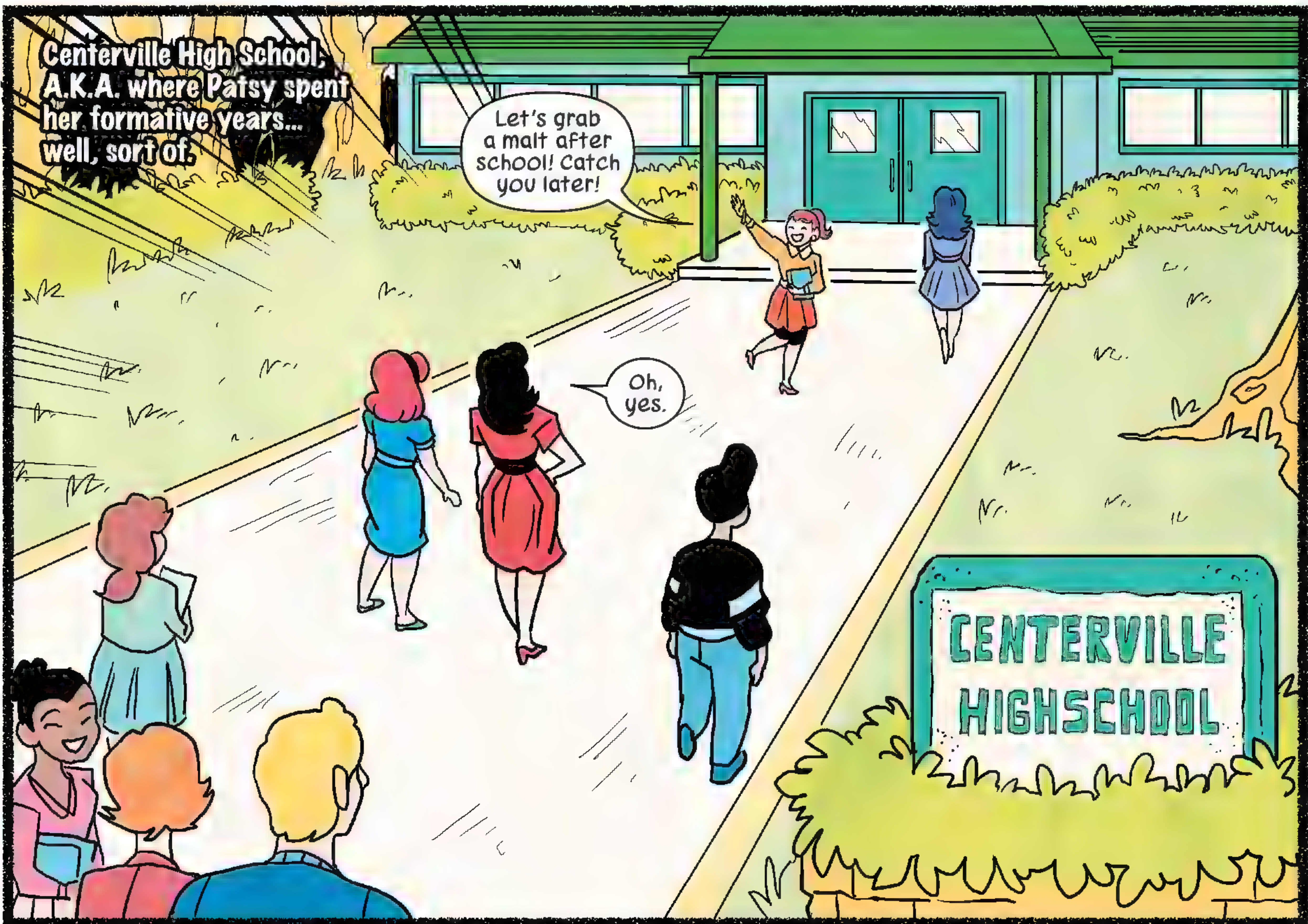
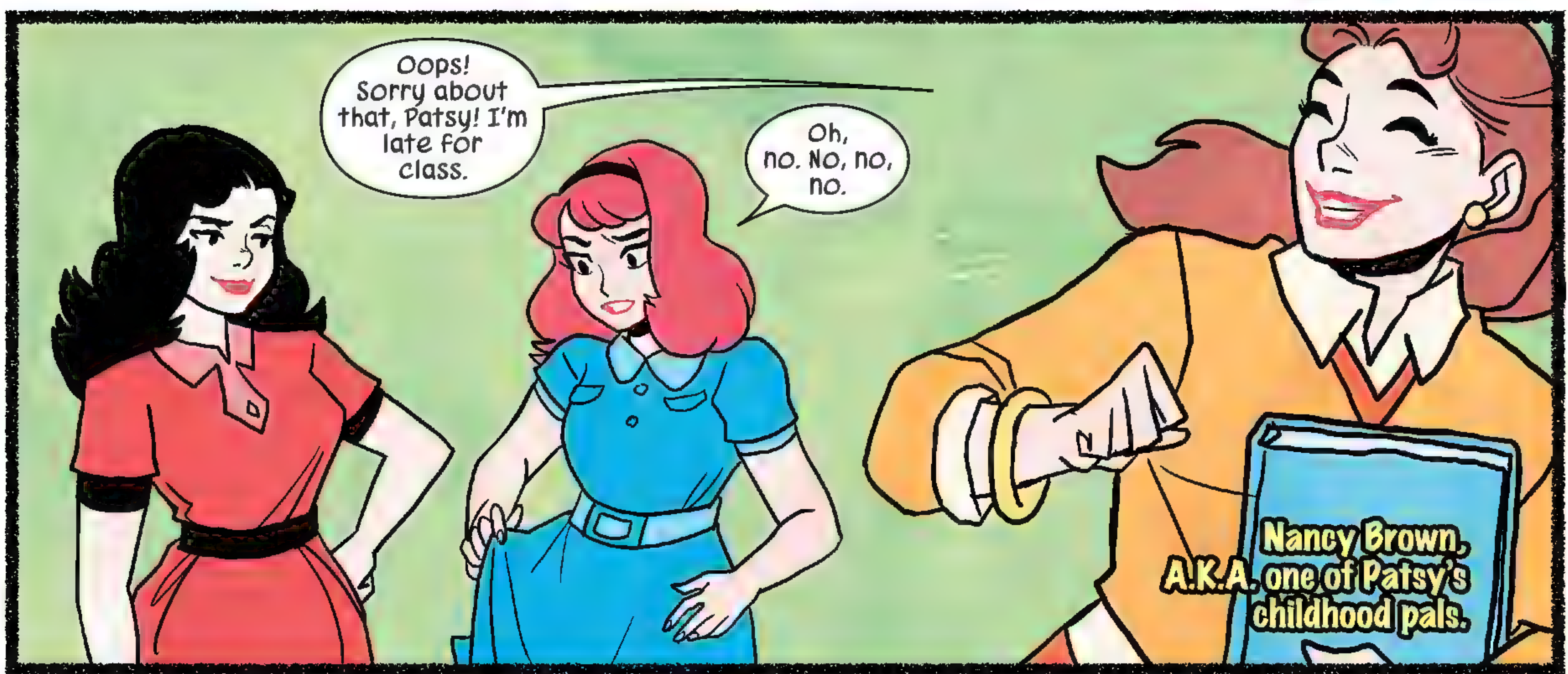
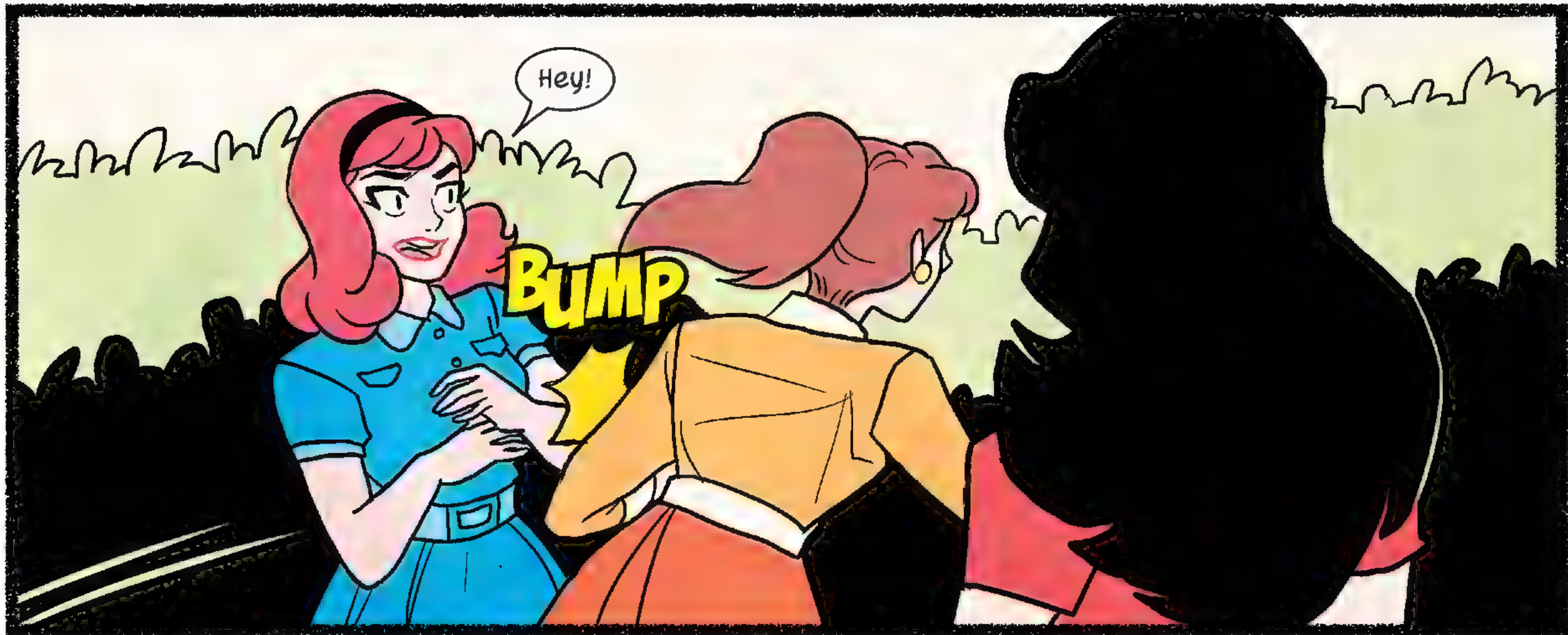
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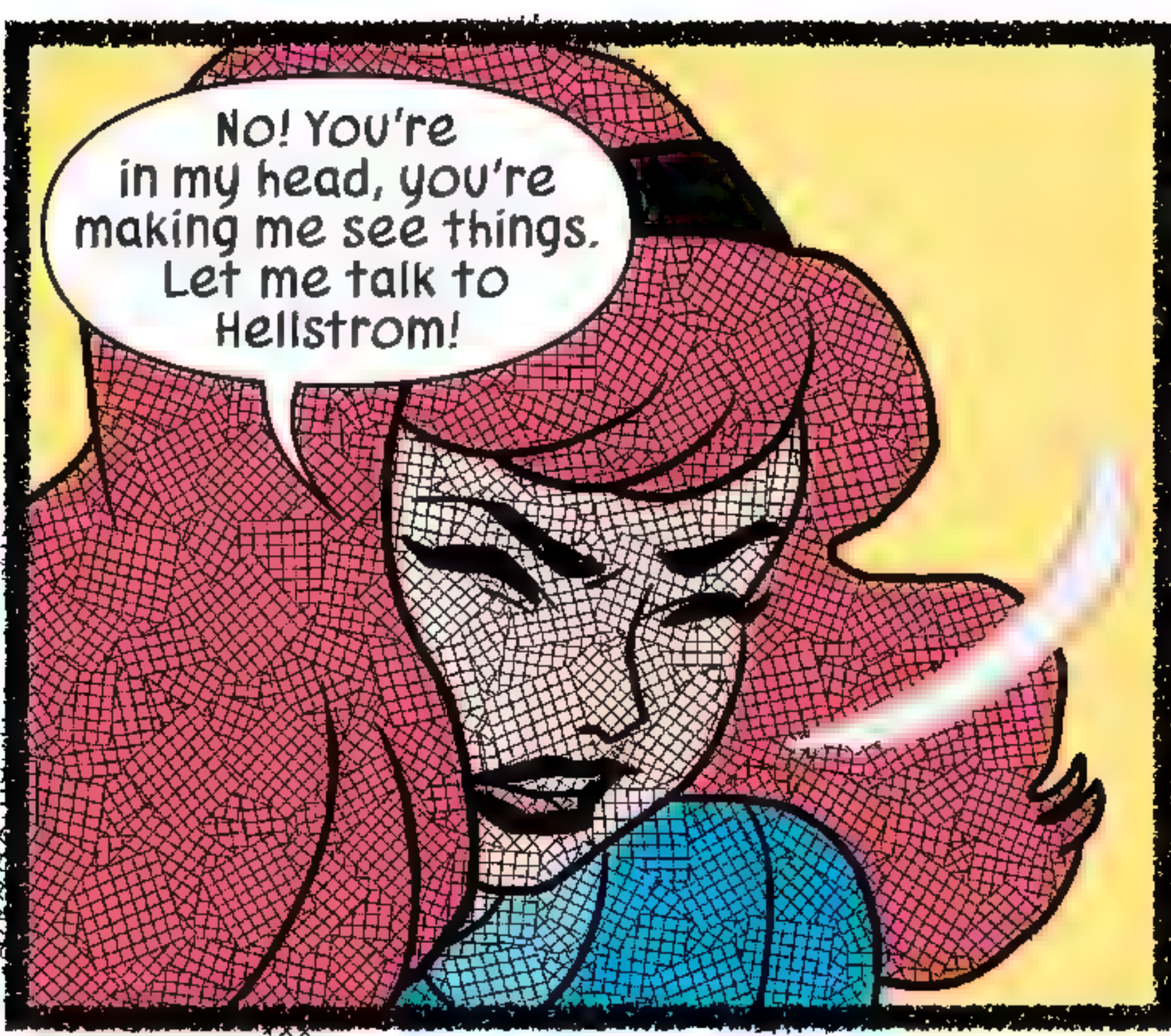
This isn't real. I don't know if this is you, Hedy, or some other bad guy you've managed to trick into working for you, but you have to let me go.

Do I?



I thought you'd like it here.

I...

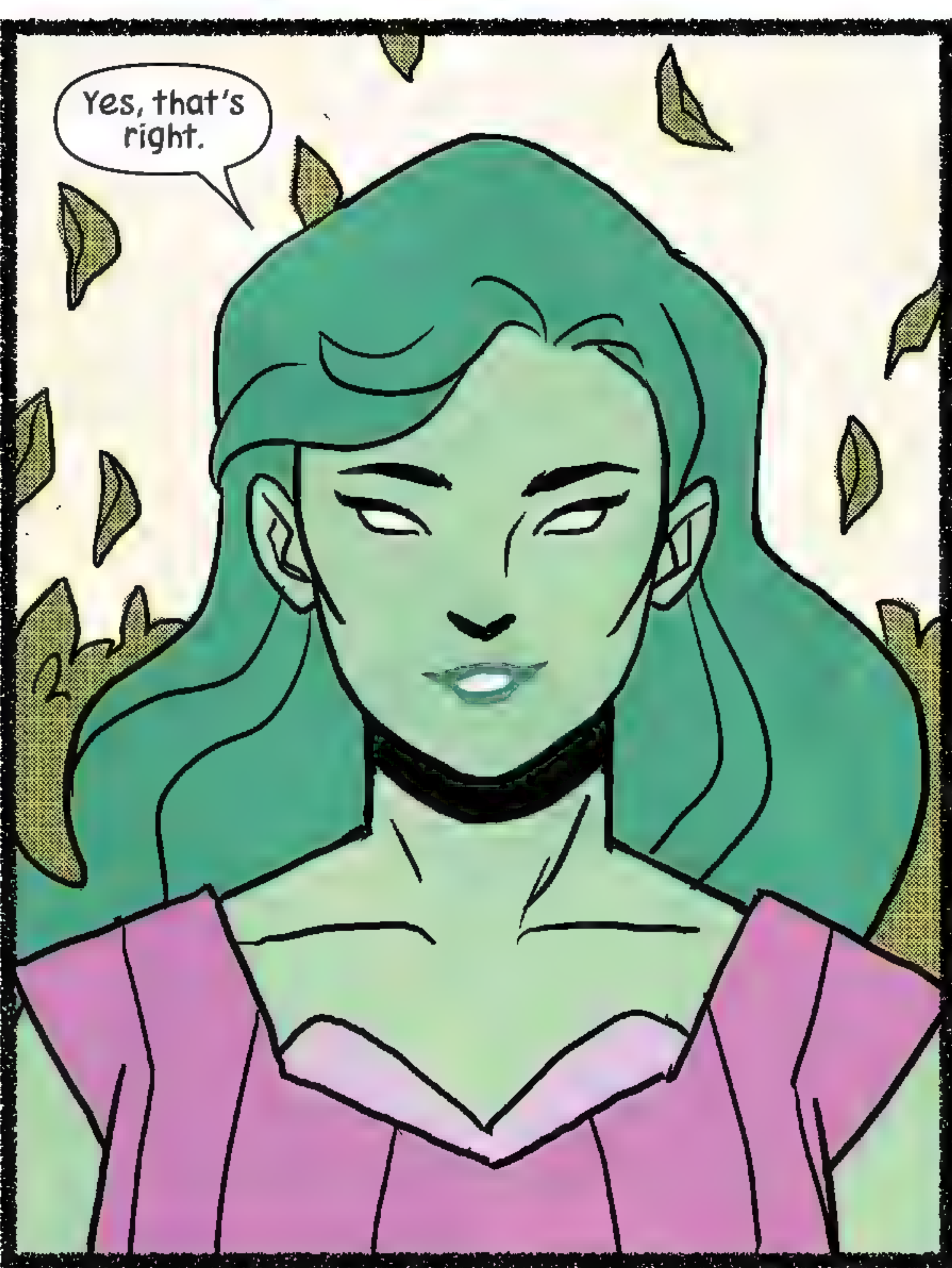


No! You're in my head, you're making me see things. Let me talk to Hellstrom!



He's busy cleaning up the mess you started.

I never sent anyone after him! All I've been doing is trying to stay away from all this, to just put my life back together...

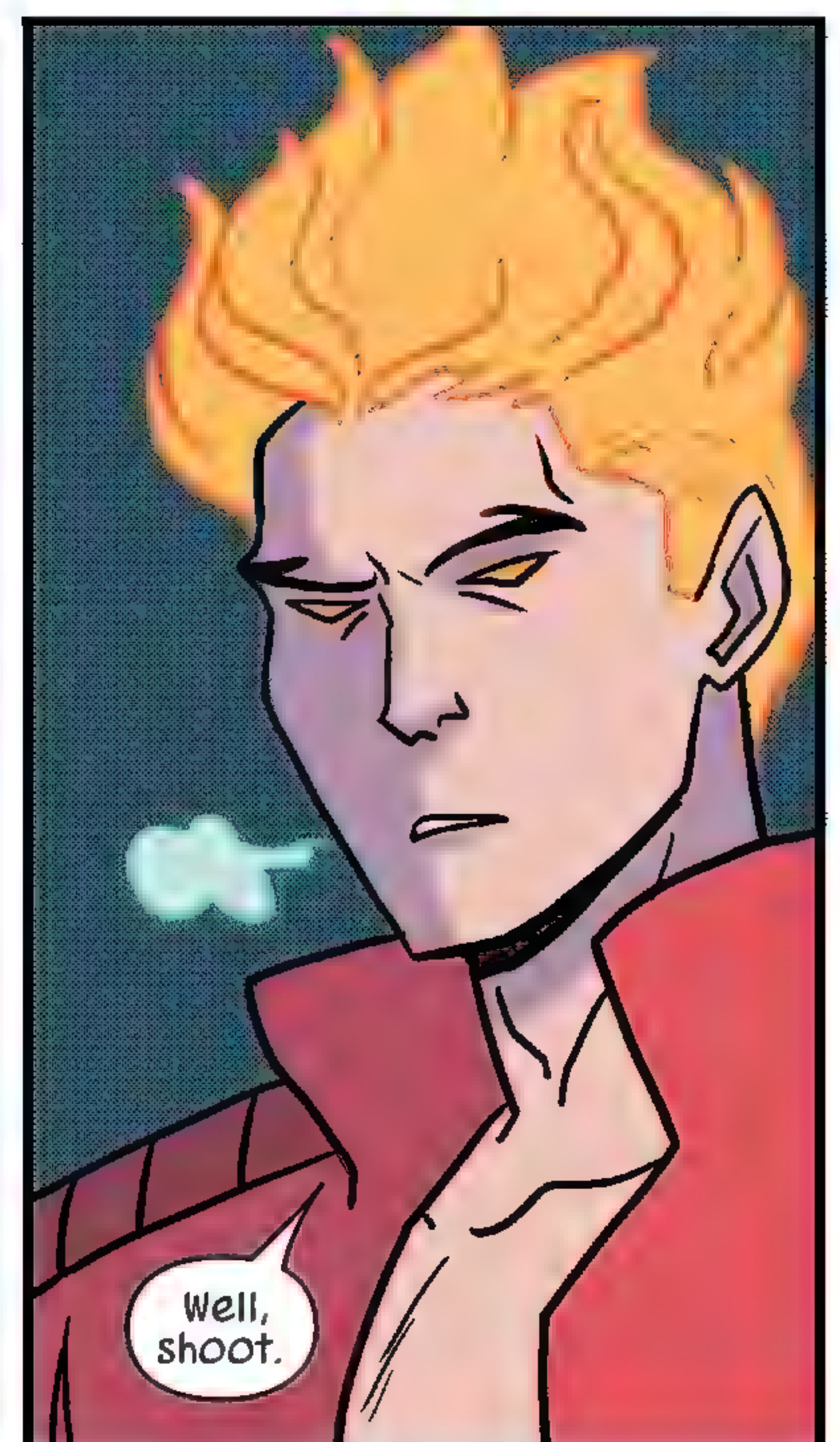
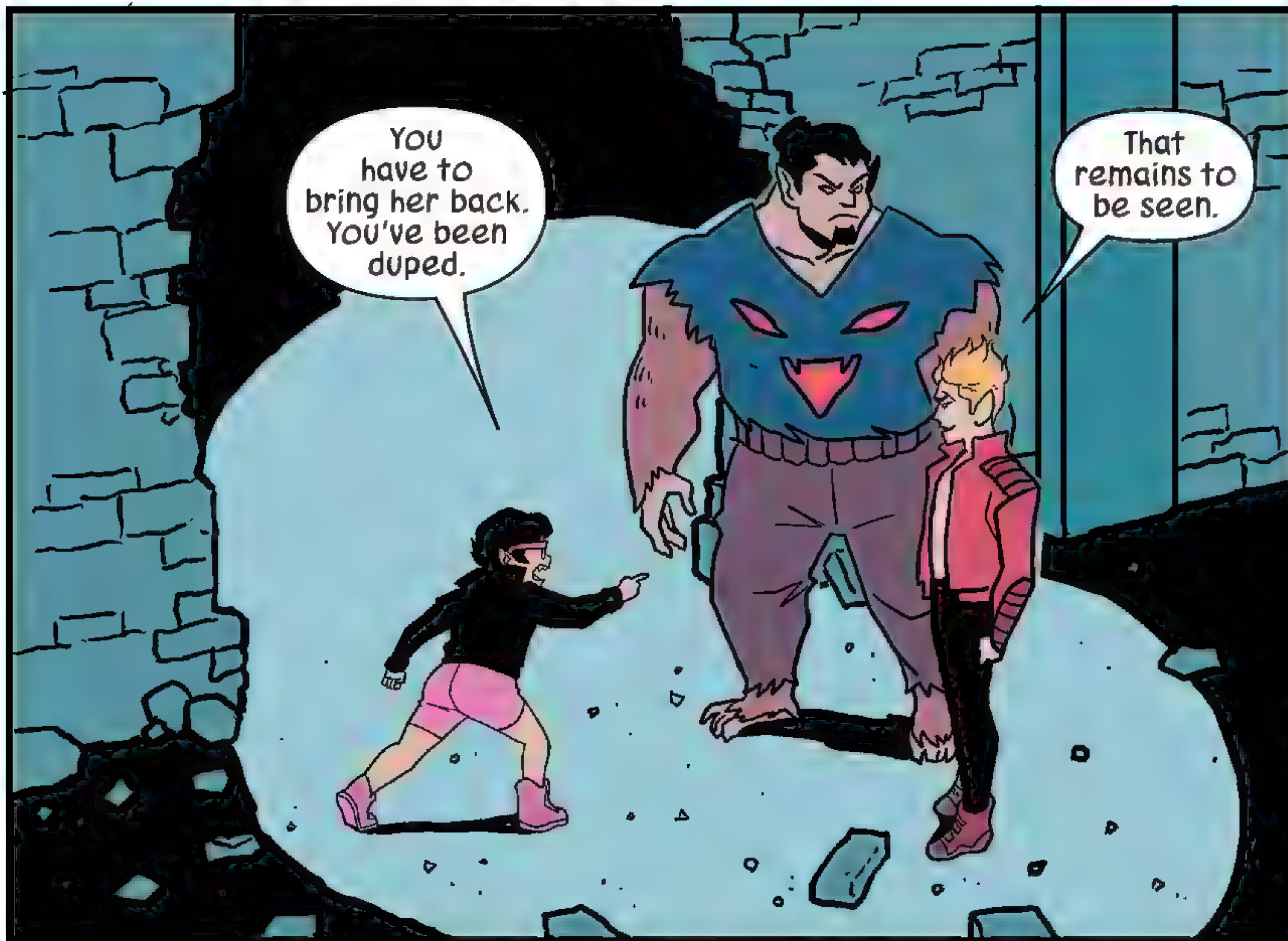


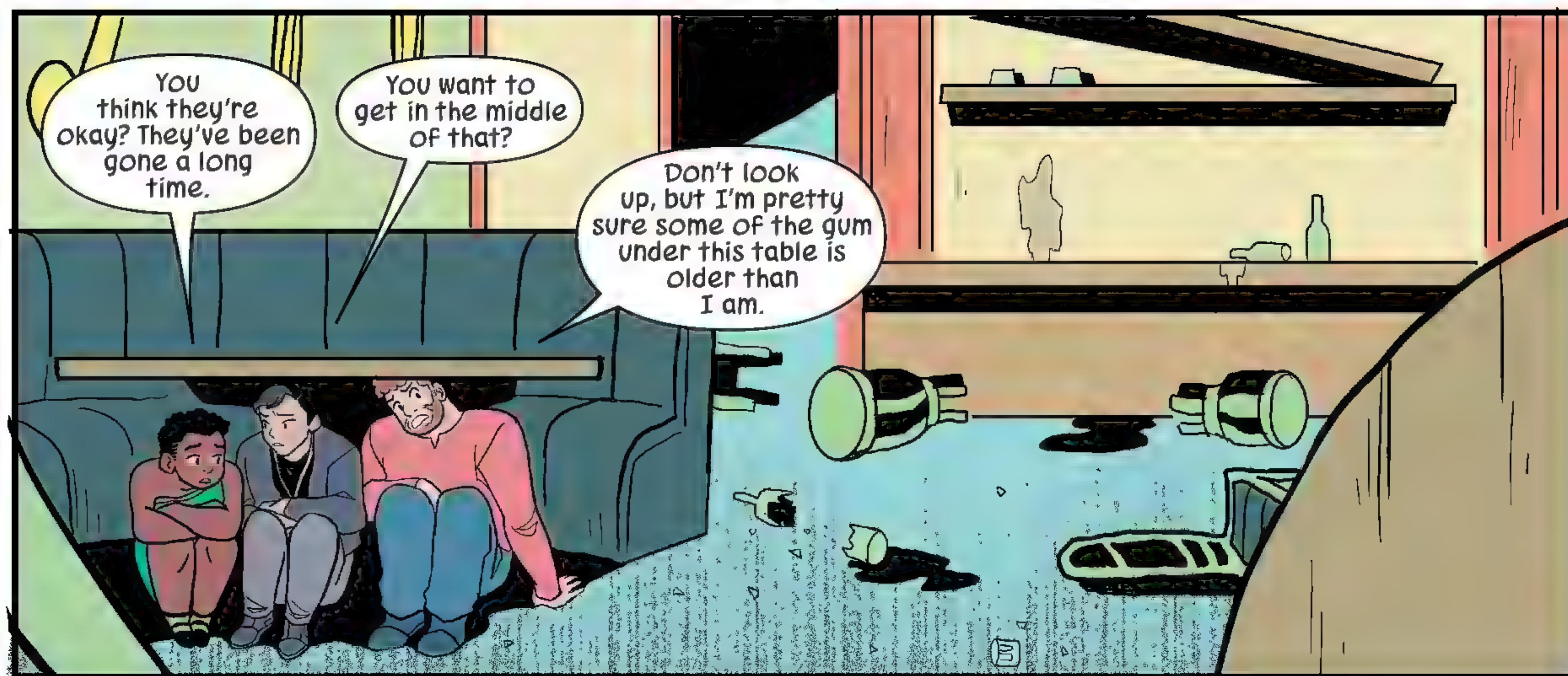
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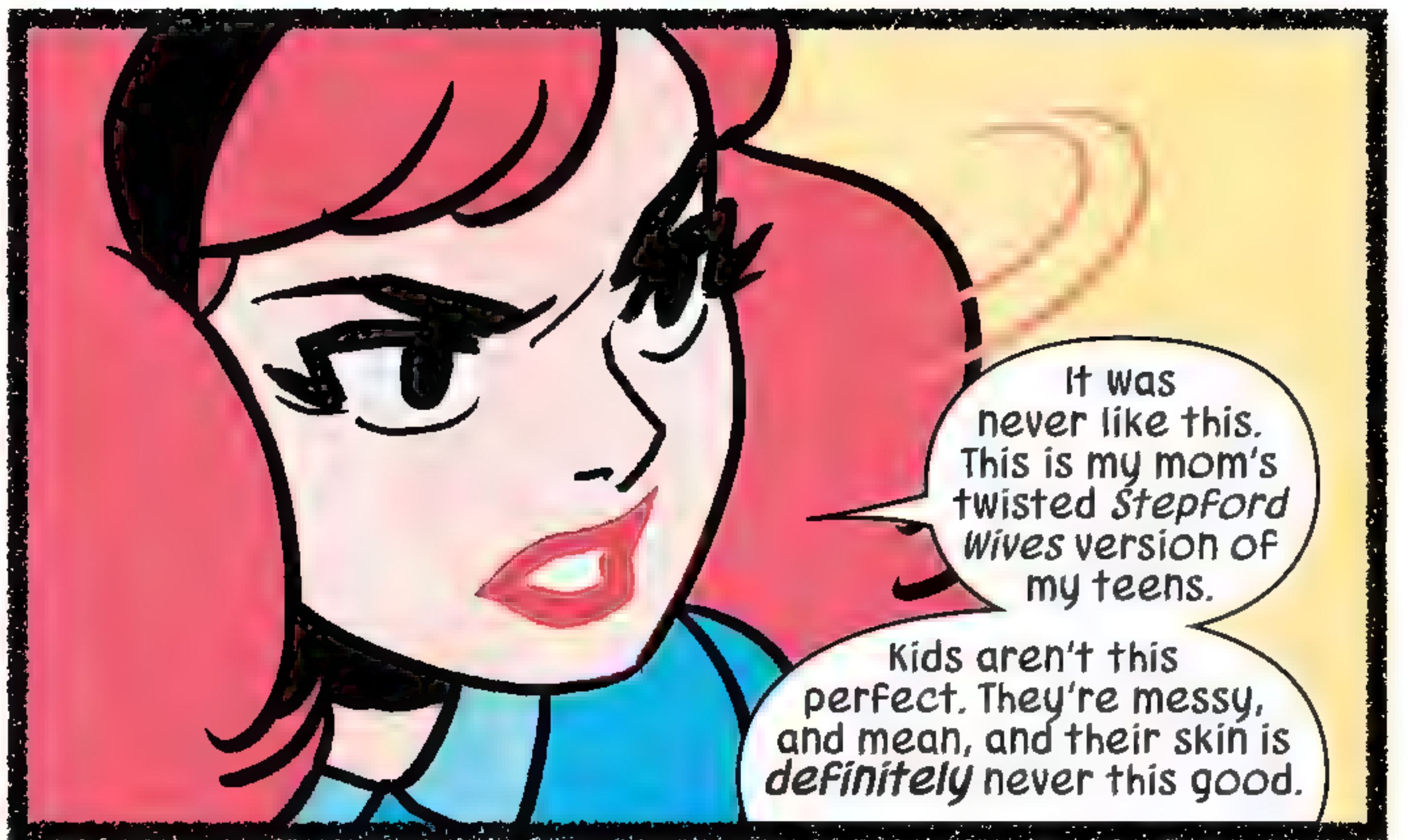
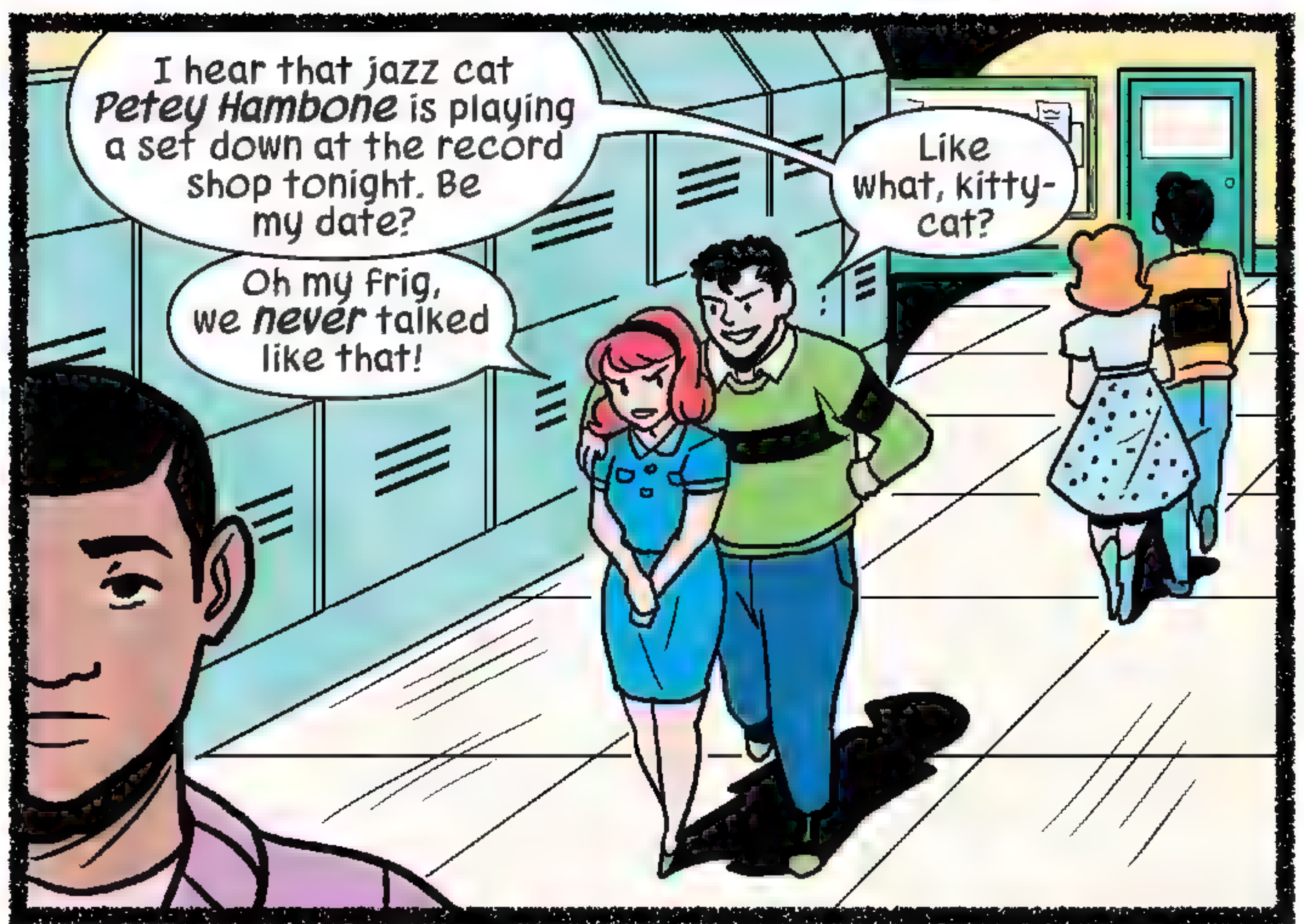


How's that working out for everyone around you?

"That's enough."









Then
you left him, and
look what it did
to him.



That wasn't
my fault. He joined
the Air Force. He saw
war. It changed
him.

Into
this?



No. He did
that to himself.
He volunteered to
become that...
thing.

So,
what...



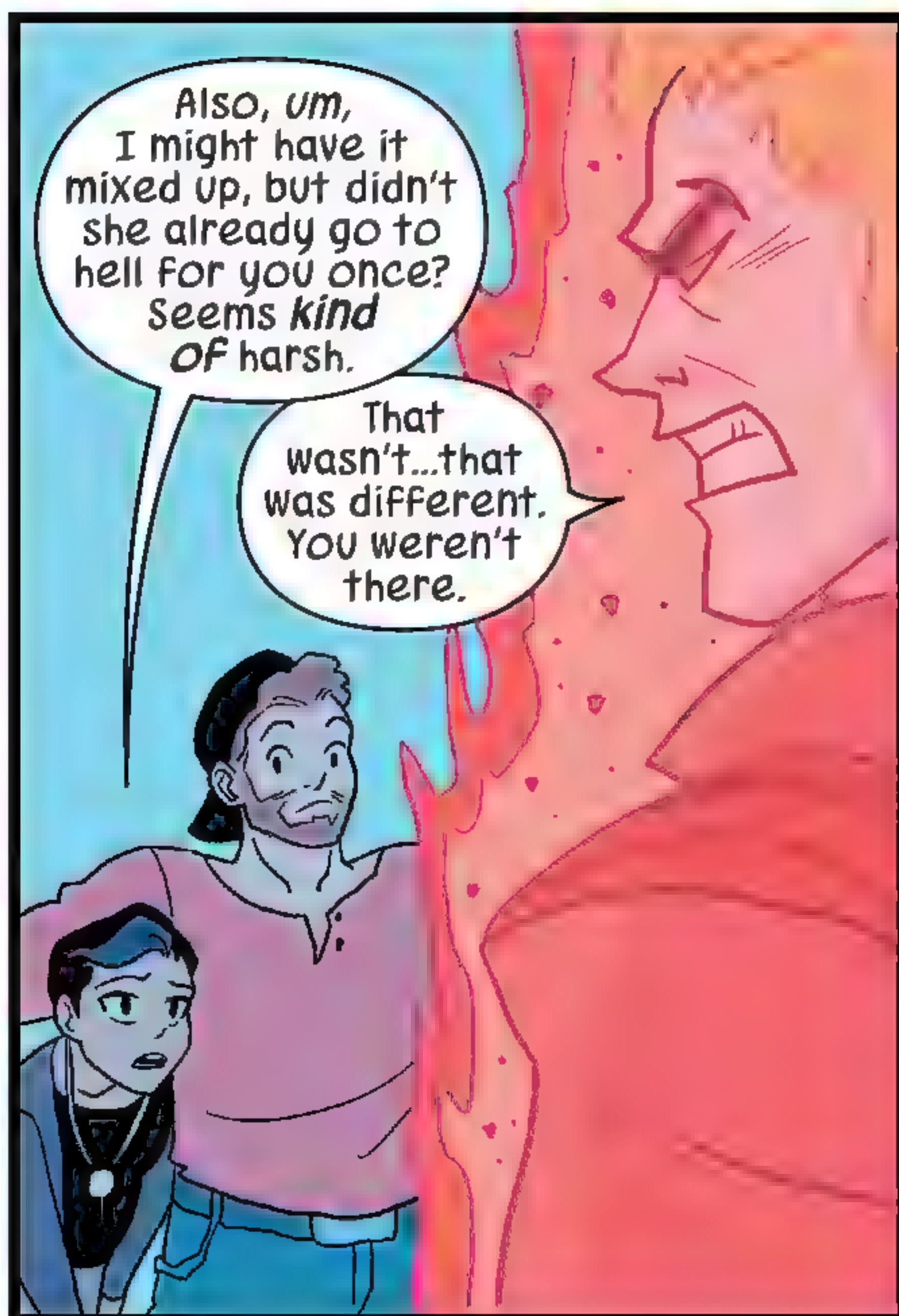
...you
upgraded to
the Son of
Satan?

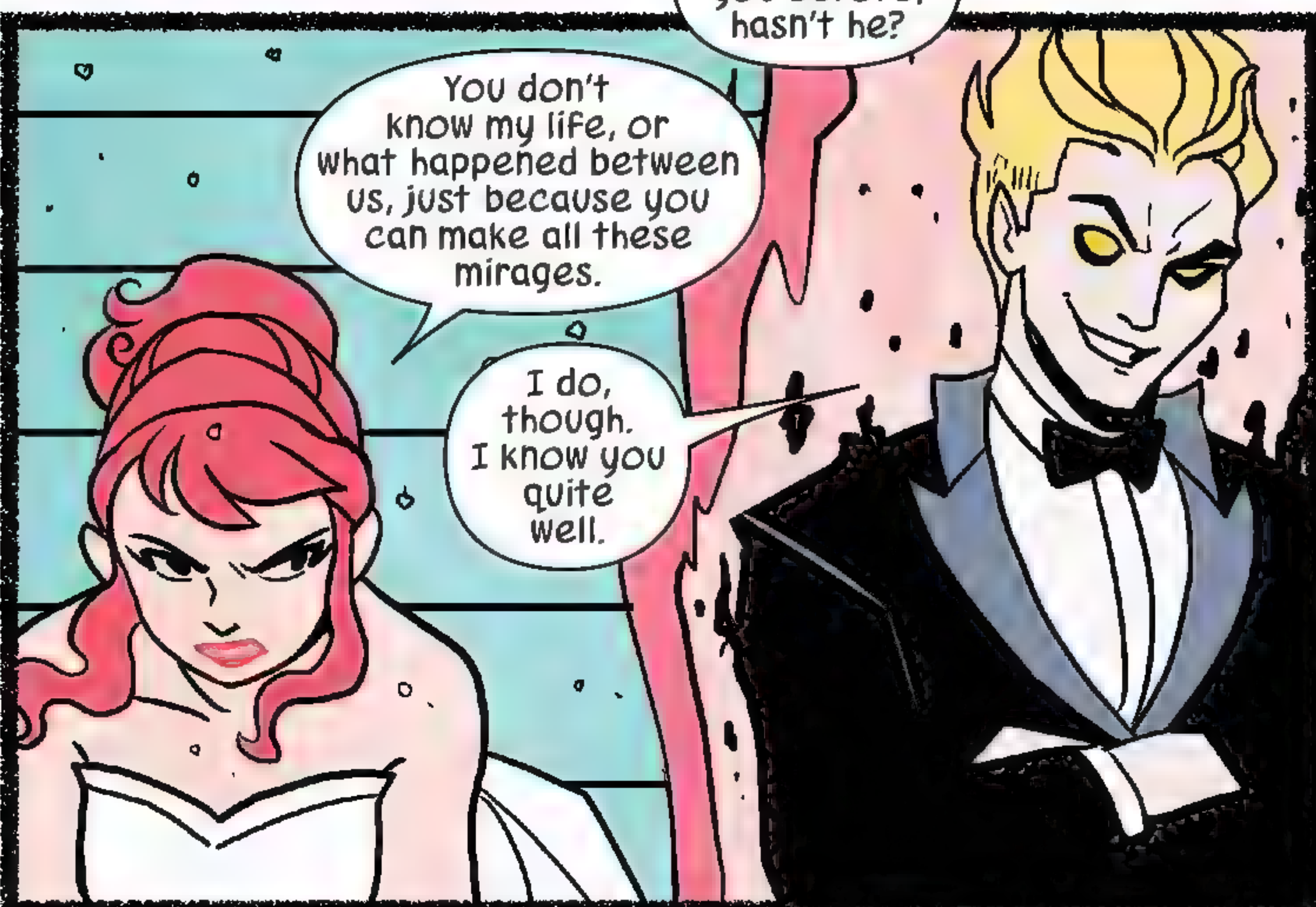
Fine, all
right? You got
me. I admit it! I've
committed the
worst possible
crime!

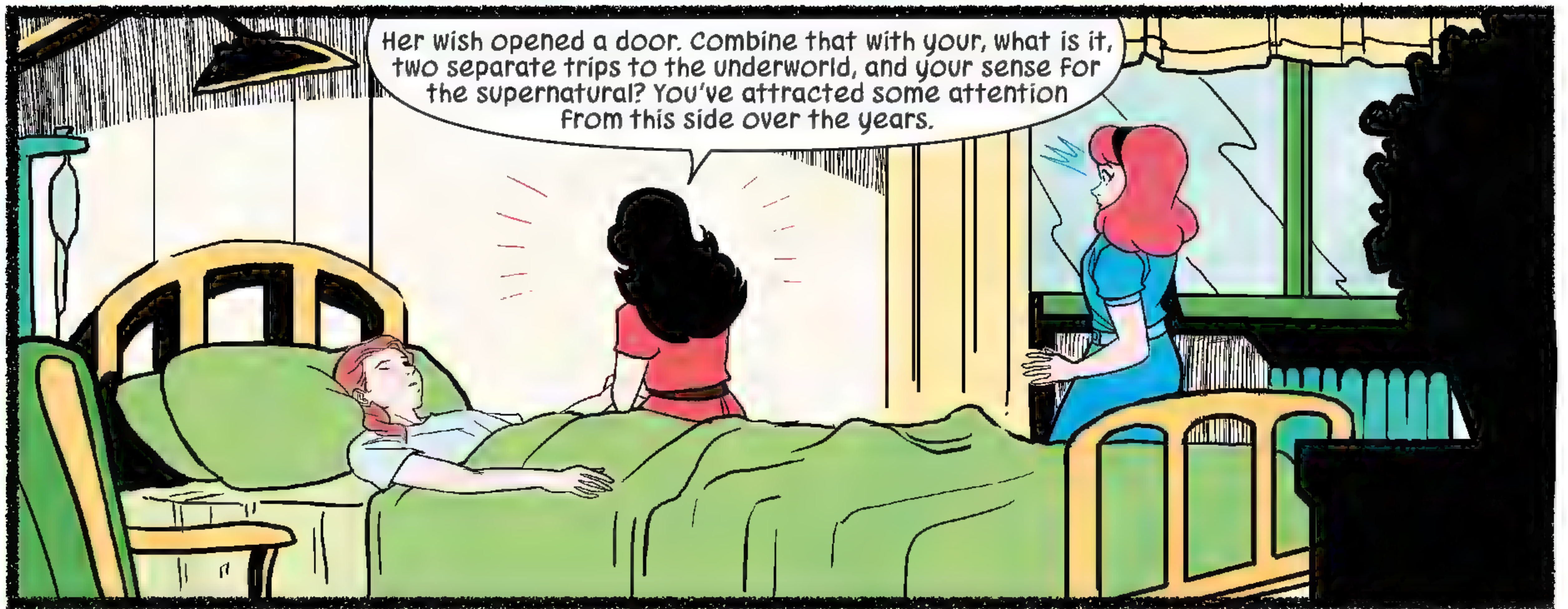
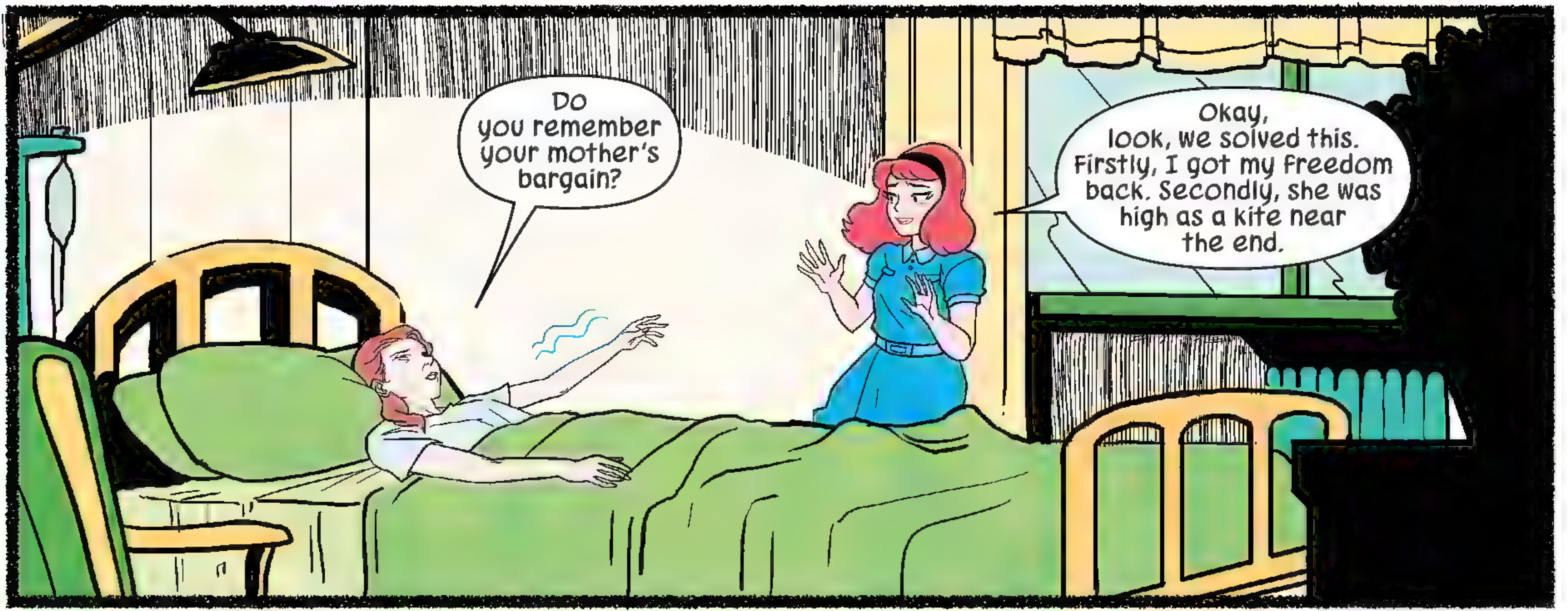


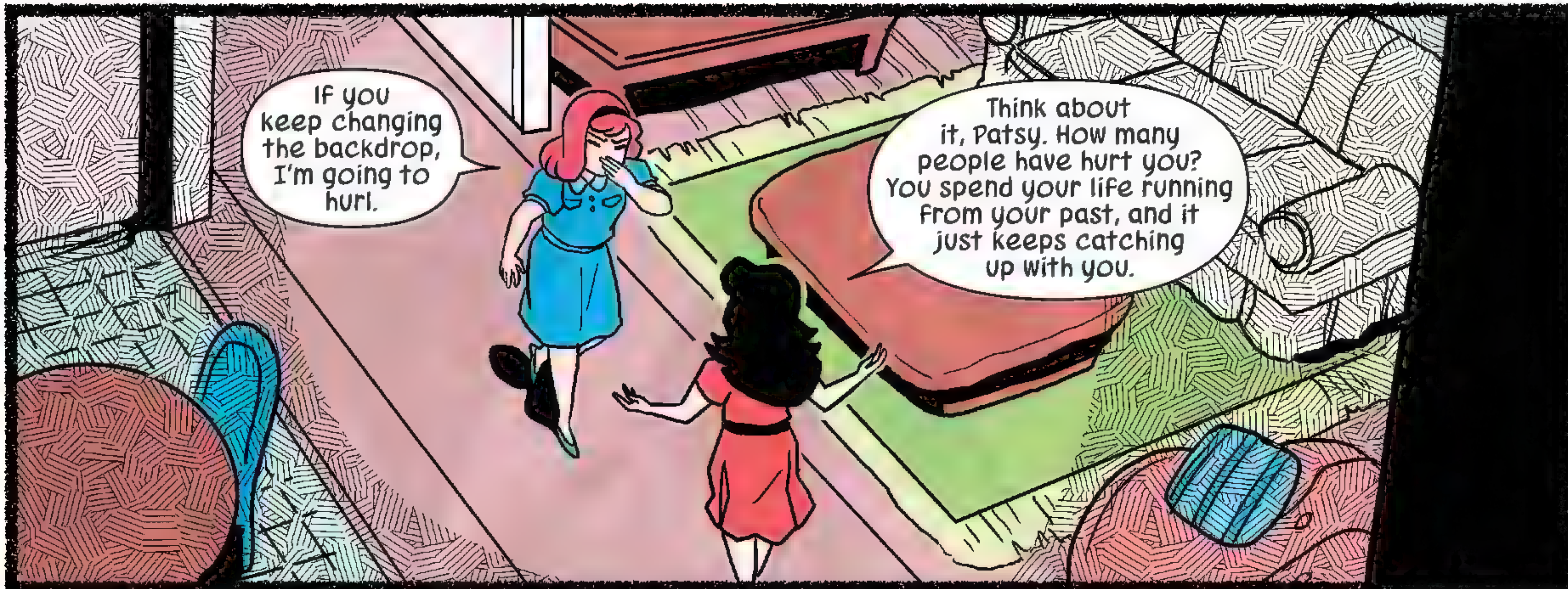
I don't
have the greatest
taste in guys.

"You're
kidding,
right?"









If you keep changing the backdrop, I'm going to hurl.

Think about it, Patsy. How many people have hurt you? You spend your life running from your past, and it just keeps catching up with you.



Yep, definitely getting queasy.

You train for years, you fight and you lose, and even now, the world is falling apart around you. You're scraping by.



It doesn't have to be like this. You know what you are, and what you have the power to be.

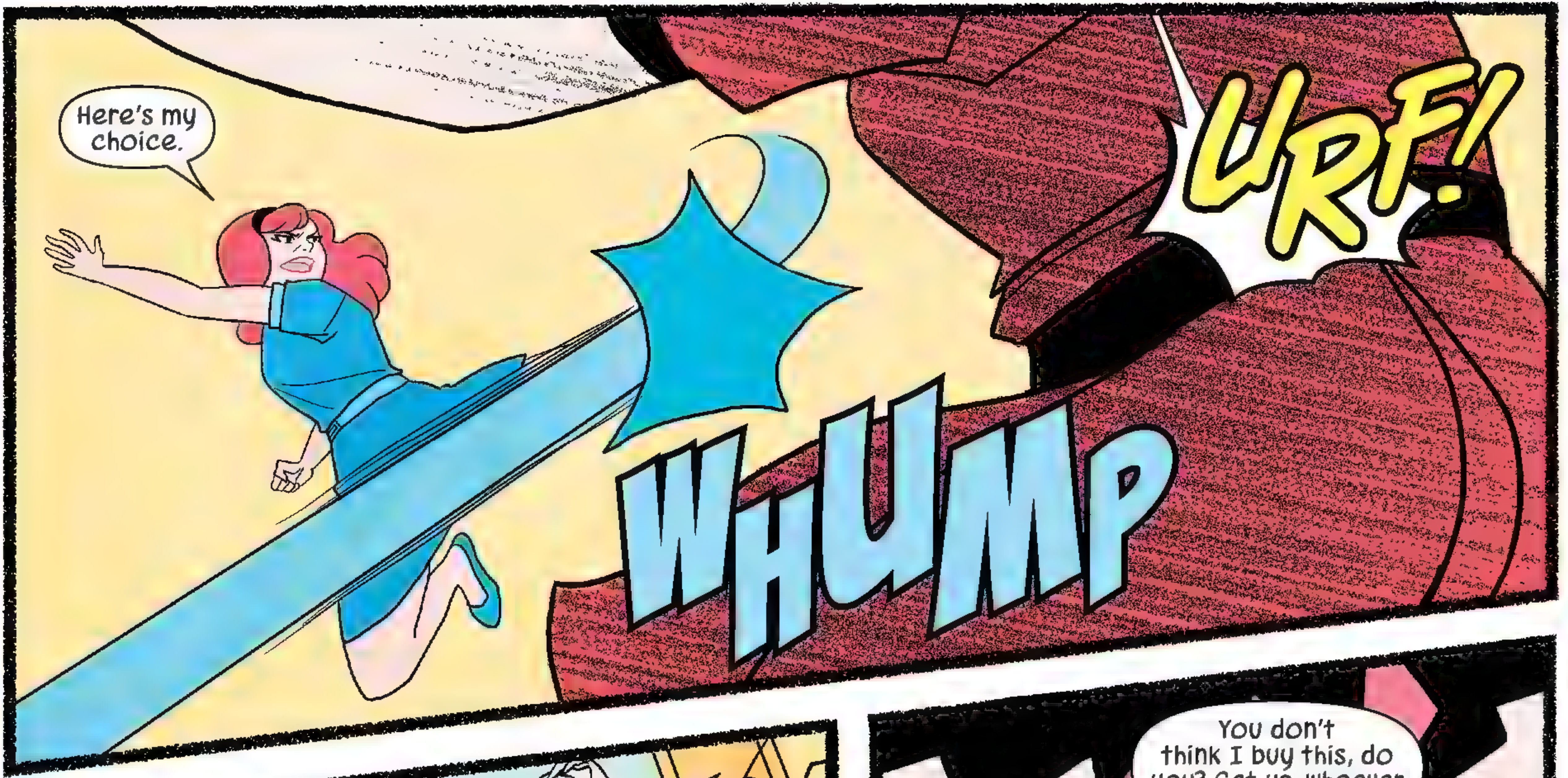


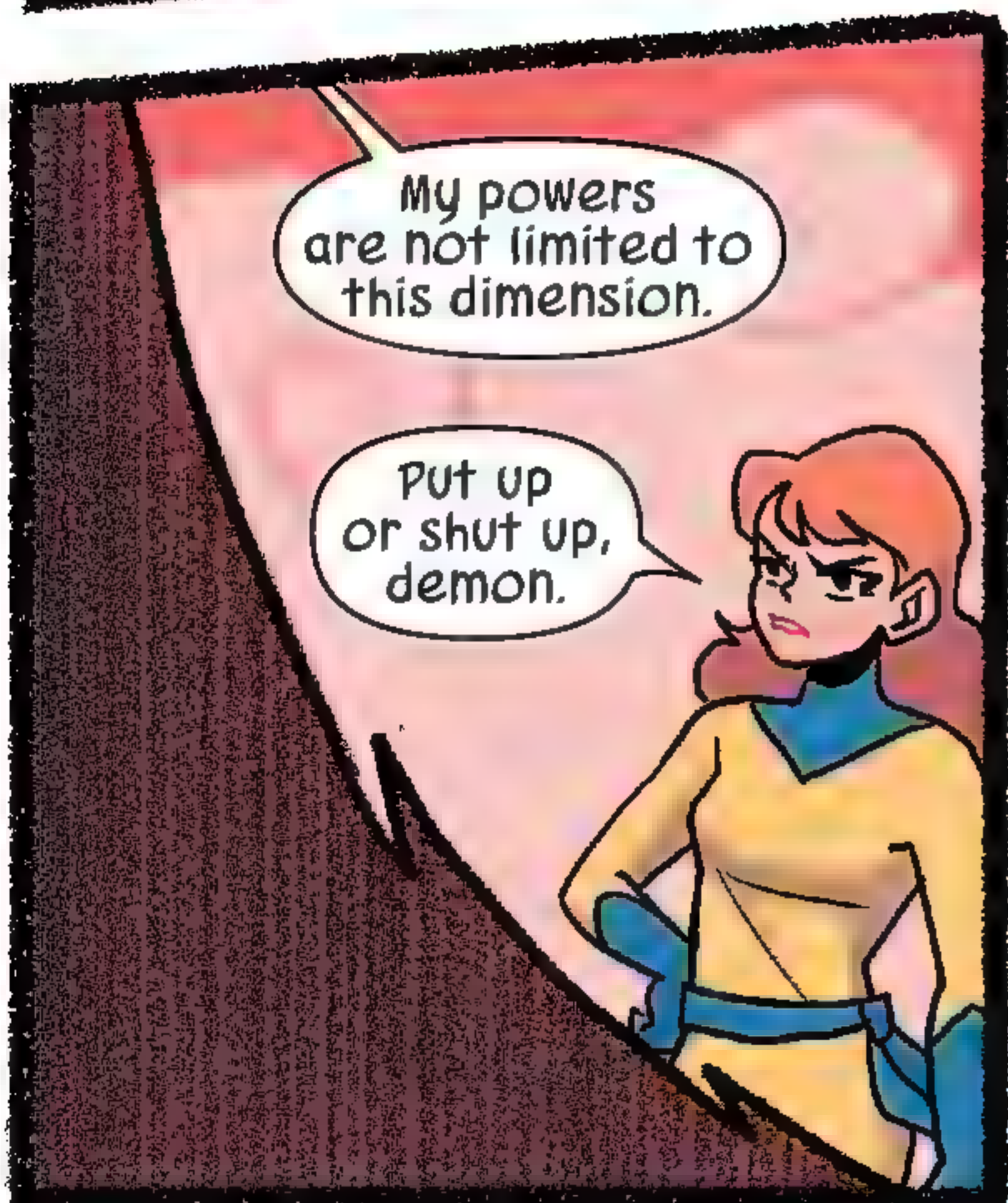
What, a...a demon? A monster? I'm one of the good guys.

That doesn't have to change. Power is power, Hellcat. What's that line about responsibility? You get to choose how you use it.



Yeah, okay.

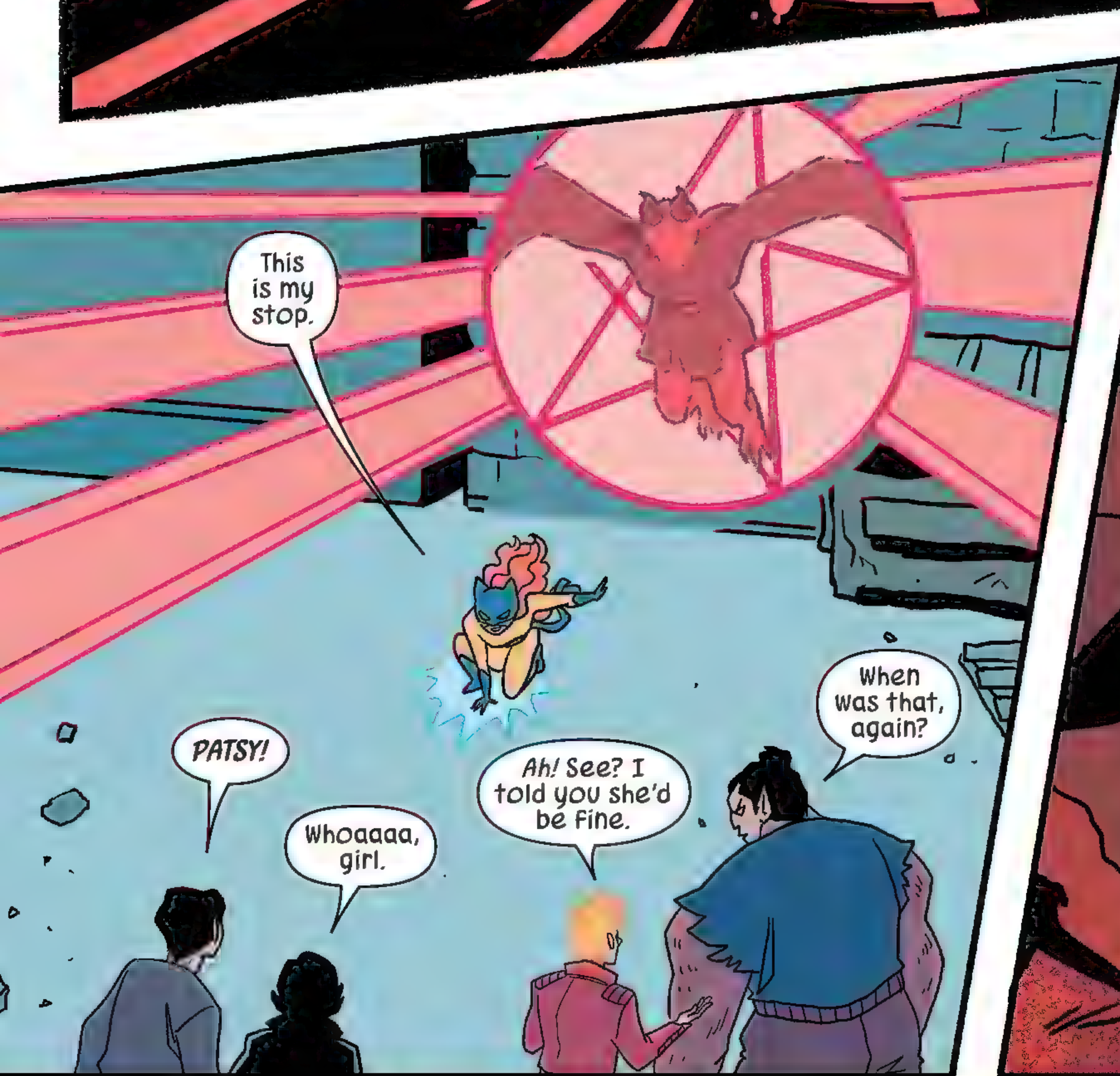






Behold,
one of the
very few powers you
could claim, if you gave
in to your darker
impulses.

Hey,
neat.



This
is my
stop.

PATSY!

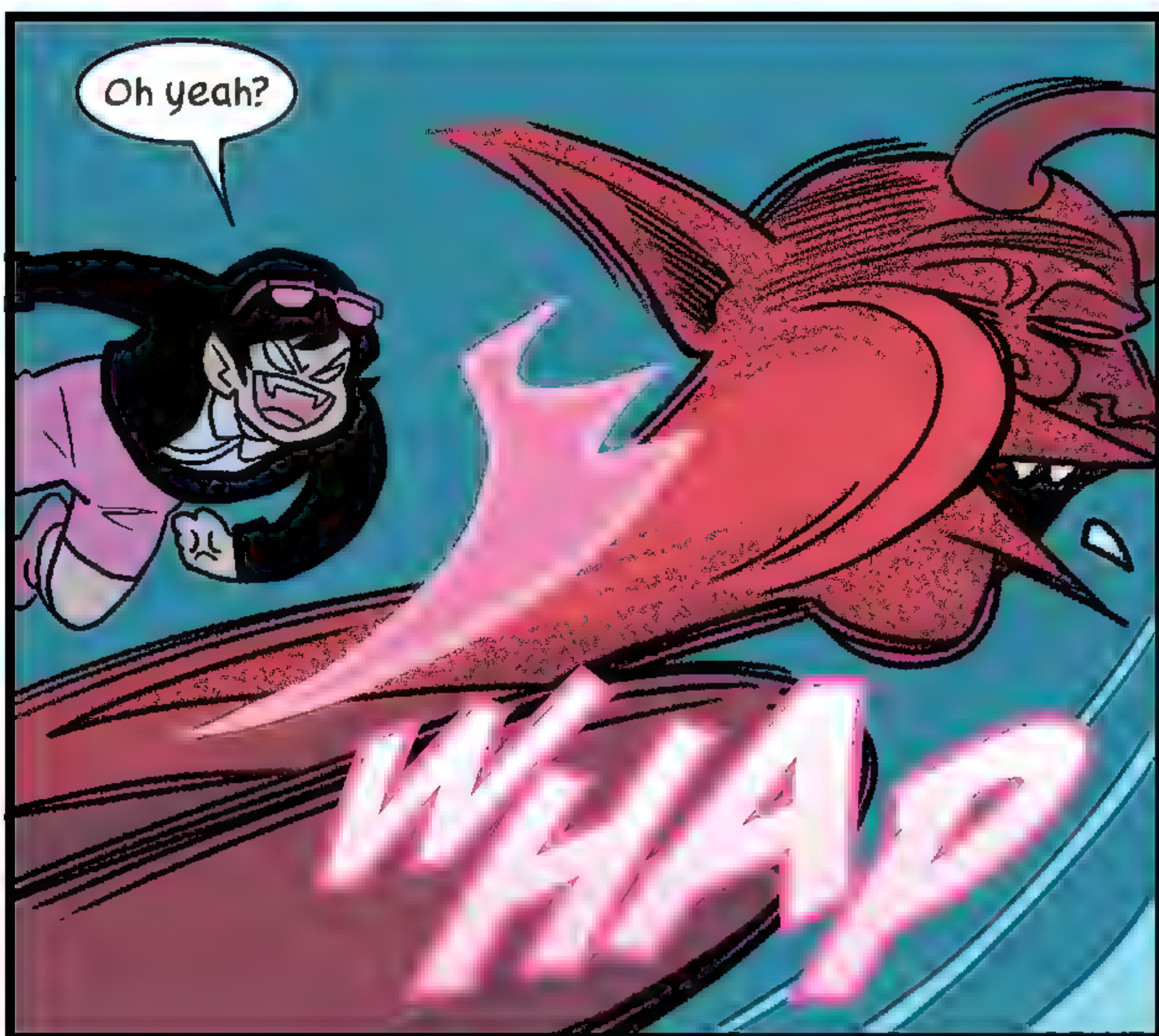
Whoaaaa,
girl.

Ah! See? I
told you she'd
be fine.

When
was that,
again?



Fear me,
humans of Earth!
I am Belial, ruler of
Gehenna, he who watches
over the great lakes of fire,
and I have come to
claim Patsy Walker
as my own.



Oh yeah?

WHAP



Who you
callin' *human*,
scales &
tails?

I am so
glad we hired
you.

Ooooh...





No matter.
She is mine. The
rage inside her will
bring her to me in
time, one way
or another.



No one
person can
handle so
much--



Hey! Cut
that out! Why can't I
stop this?!

Dang,
Ian. You're
getting good
at that.

That's nothin'.
I floated the whole
couch yesterday *while*
Tom was napping
on it.

You did?!

You
guys are so
cute.



It is
time to go,
Belial.

Yeah.
What he
said.

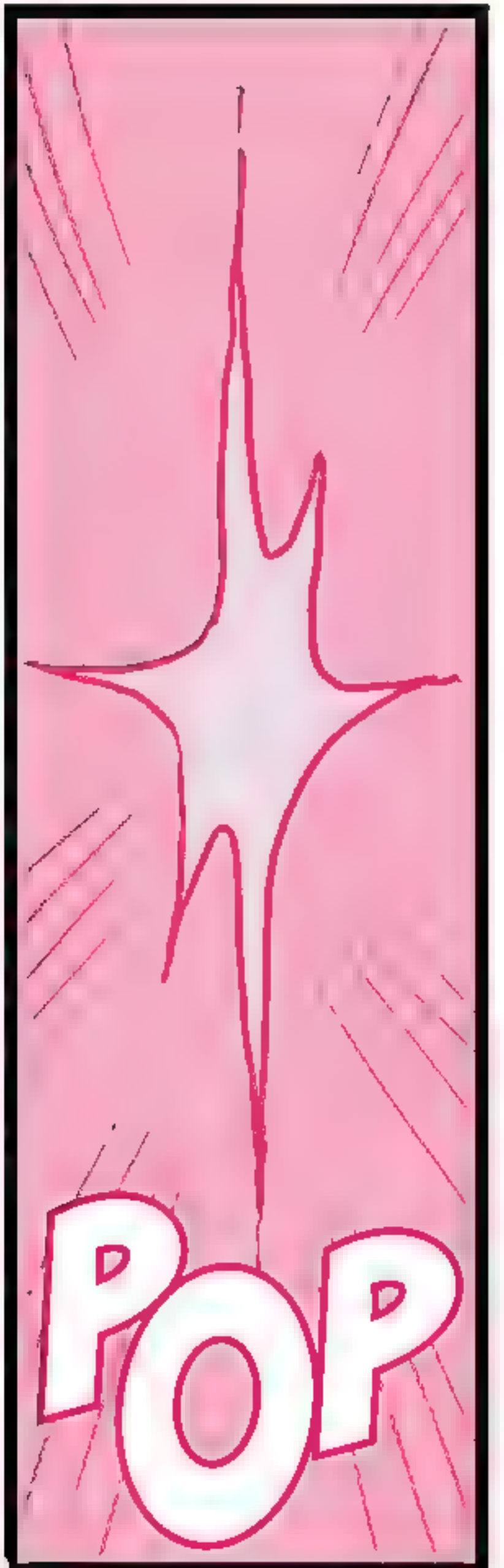
You'll
hear from me,
Hellstrom. So will
she. This isn't
over.



It's over
enough.



You'll see,
Walker! You can't
hide the hate inside
you! It will consume you,
and you will beg for me
to help you seek
vengeance!



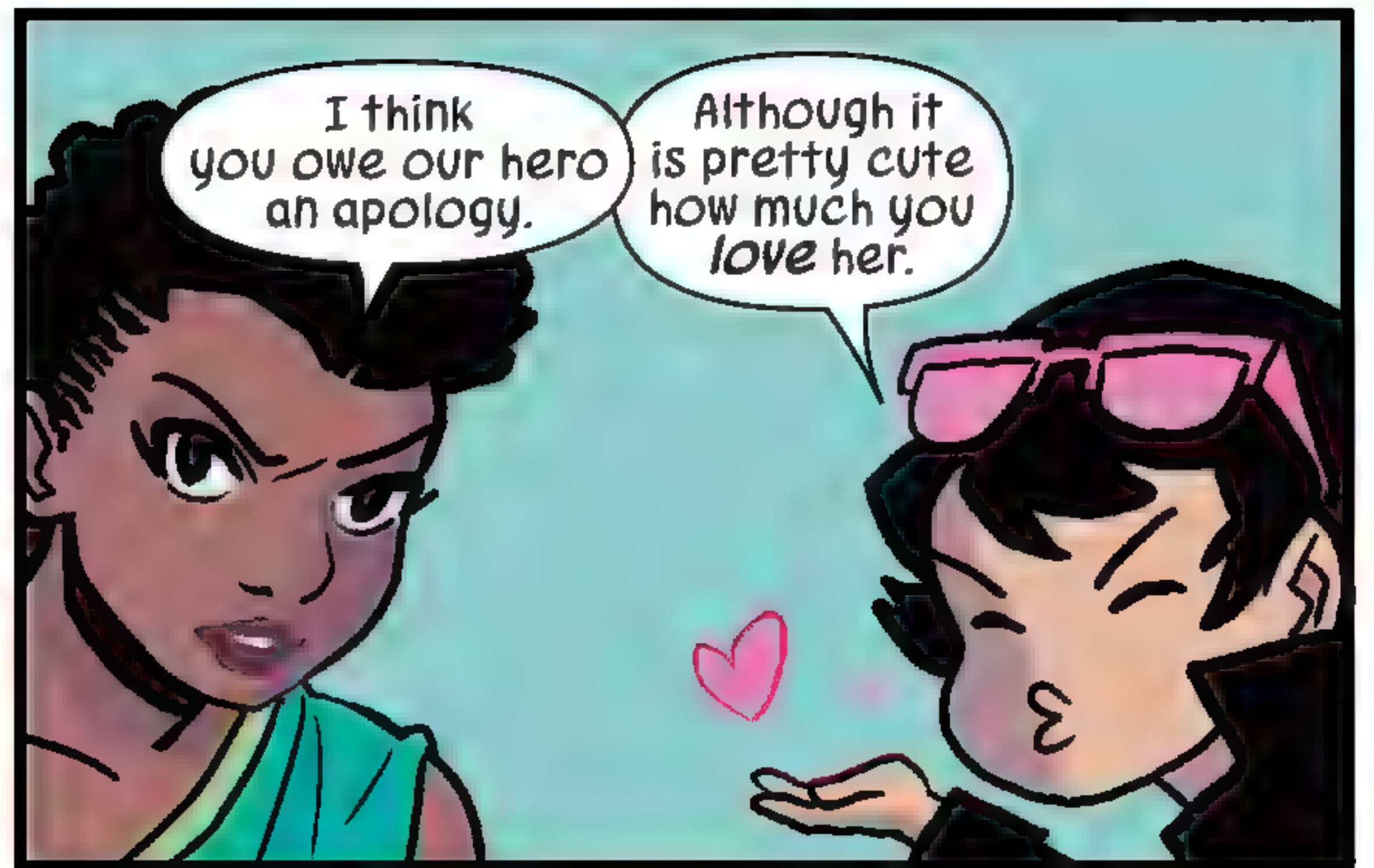
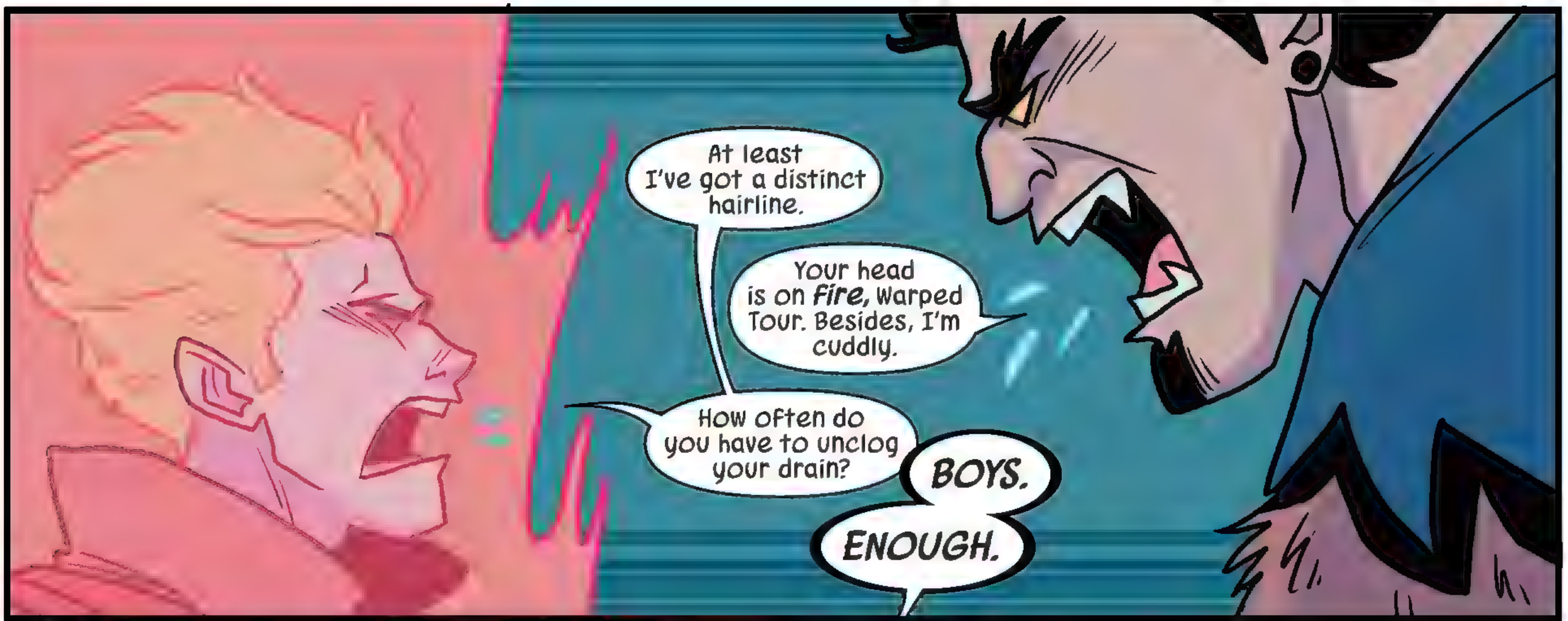
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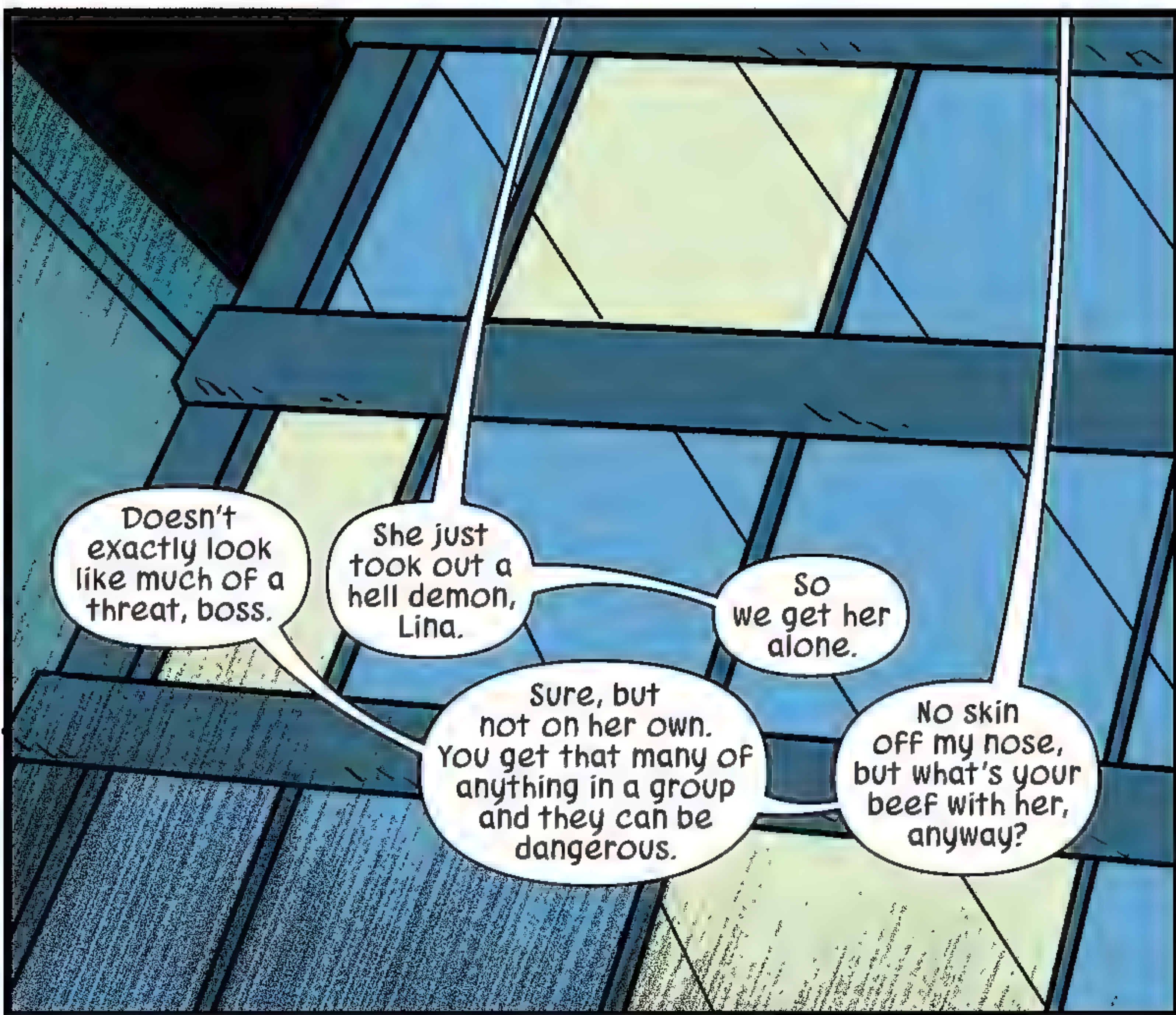


Man,
I dunno what
that guy's on about.
I'm super
nice.

He's a bit
overdramatic.

Oh yeah,
'cause *you're*
the poster child
for subtlety.







HELLO, KITTIES

Email us at mheroes@marvel.com or send mail to 135 W. 50th St., Seventh Floor, New York, NY 10020. Make sure to mark "Okay to Print"!

Hello, dear readers! Let's get to Kate, Brittney, your letters, and your cats tout de suite, but first some introductions: I'm Assistant Editor Kathleen, that guy over there is Editor Jake, and we're so pleased to be taking over editorial duties on PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT! Thanks to Wil Moss, Charles Beacham, and Chris Robinson for their work helping Kate, Brittney, and Megan make this a book we love reading. It's our firm intention to keep that ball of yarn rolling. It's nice to meet you all! Here's Kate!

Well, what could all THAT mean, Hellkittens?! Stay tuned for our next issue, definitely our wildest and most ambitious yet. It's going to be a Hell of a ride.

Hello, kitties!

This comic has been such an absolute pleasure to read, and Patsy shines alongside optimistic and funny heroines like Ms. Marvel, Moon Girl, and Squirrel Girl. It's such an awesome time to see that Marvel is willing to do a plethora of titles that move away from the imaginary male-driven "norm" of the comics industry.

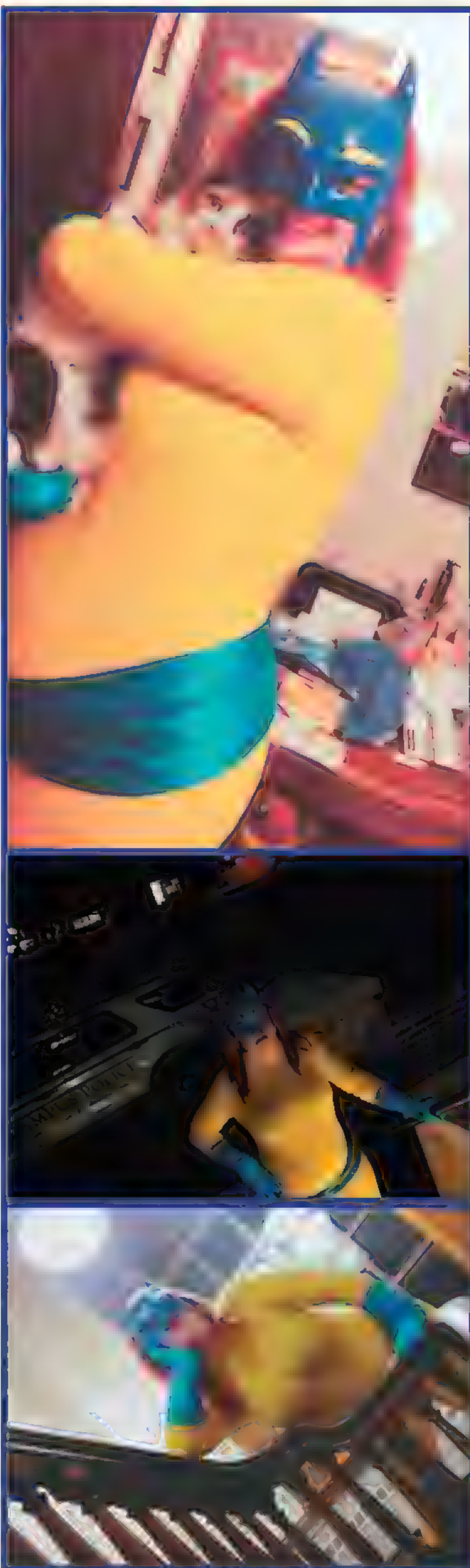
Also, I love Patsy's friendships with Valkyrie, Monica, Shulkie, etc., I can't wait for her and Jessica Jones to team up! (I hope we get some little nods to her established relationships with Black Cat and Firestar--and maybe her writing career?)

Anyway, right after issue #3 came out, I finished my Hellcat cosplay that I started planning back when issue #1 was announced. So, after you published my last letter, I just had to send you pictures of its debut at ConBust (and Free Comic Book Day a few weeks later)!

Of course, I had to include one pic with (a very upset) Smudge; I think she's worried I'm stealing her cat-themed thunder.

Keep up the great work!

Lots of kitten-y love,
Ellie Hillis (a.k.a. totally NOT Hellcat)
and Smudge
Northampton, MA

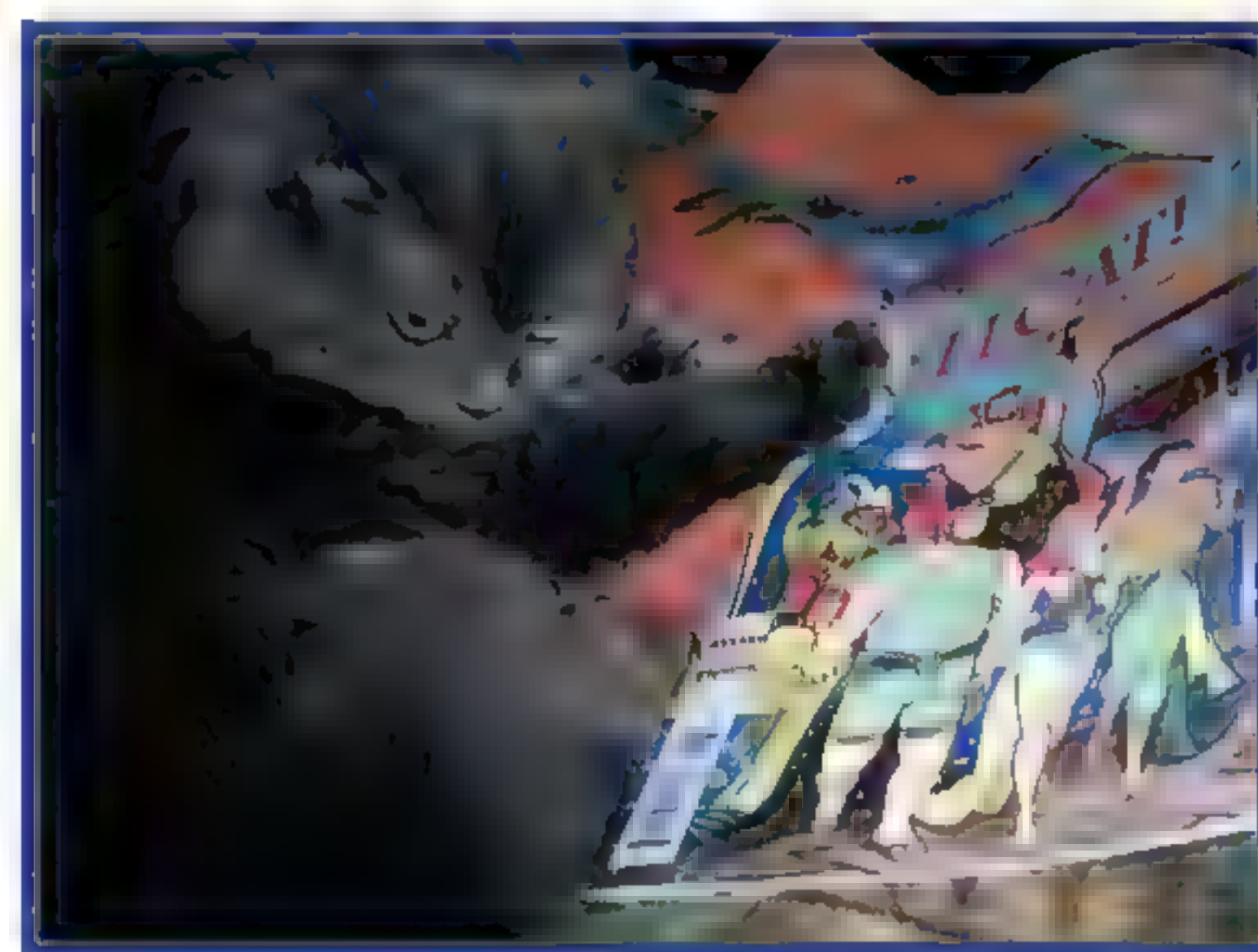


Well HOWDY, Hellcat!!! I have to start with how amazing your cosplay is, and how flattered and excited we are to see it. You look amazing! Then: thank you! Patsy is quite the social butterfly. As for Black Cat, as you'll see, she'll be returning to the book soon...but in a different context! It's going to get very interesting...

Holy moly, it's Hellcat!!!! Smudge makes the perfect sidekick!

Well, hello,

Mushkin is demanding I teach her to read because of PATSY WALKER. It's a good book, so we will give it a shot.



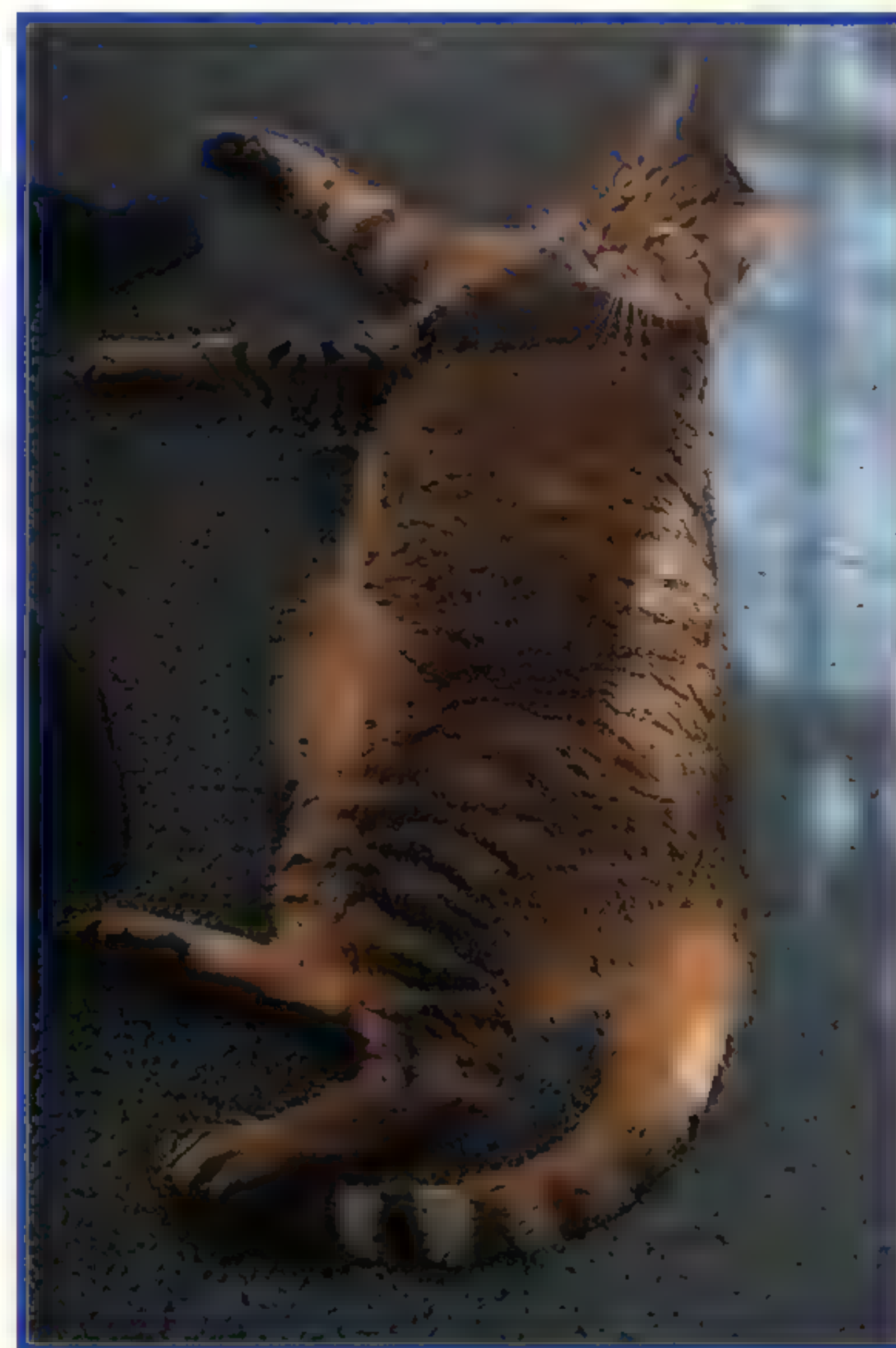
Jeff Lageson
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Ooh, that is one gorgeous, grouchy-looking li'l monster! Ha! I hope you both enjoyed it.

You can do it, Mushkin! Once you learn to read, I have a few book recommendations, such as THE GREAT CATSBY, JANE MEOWR, and let's not forget OF CATS AND MEN.

I love the artwork in the HELLCAT series. Great style.

This is my wonderful cat, Gary.



Josh

Short, sweet, and to the point (cats). Love it.

You can find the artist blushing awkwardly in the corner.

Hello, kitties!

Thank you so much for putting some emphasis on Jen Walters' plight! War Machine's and Hulk's deaths definitely overshadowed She-Hulk's situation in the main CIVIL WAR II miniseries, so us Shulkie fans really needed this! I've already come up with several outcomes by which her cousin Bruce did not die, or pre-planned his own return, based on the manner in which he died. Rhodey, I'm not so sure about, but you know what they say about death in comic books. However, comas in comic books are unpredictable. Who knows where they are heading with that!

Also glad to see Jessica Jones making the rounds these days, with guest appearances in several Marvel titles. I've been a fan of Ms. Jones ever since I picked up ALIAS #1 on the day it was released...because I thought it starred Sydney Bristow...but it was still a pleasant surprise. She was definitely one of the most (if not The Most) atypical female leads in a Marvel comic at the time, and just the type of person I could empathize with. And after seeing (and enjoying) the Netflix series, I was glad there was no major retcon to give Jess and Patsy a long history in the comic books. It just would have felt forced. But now that they know each other, they can totally become friends from here! With the circles they travel in, they should totally keep networking referrals to one another!

Daimon Hellstrom is a touchy subject, but I'm glad you're about to broach it. I actually used to love the old SON OF SATAN and DEFENDERS appearances, but these days they can't seem to make up their mind whether Daimon is a good guy, a bad guy, or somewhere in between. In Patsy's narrative, he's a villain, and I don't see them reconciling, but it will be interesting to see them interact again.

Another character I'd like to see Patsy cross paths with is Tigra! We longtime readers haven't seen much of her since she had a tiger-baby with Skrull Hank Pym. Motherhood didn't take Spider-Woman out of the game, so I highly doubt Tigra is sitting around napping her days away. Where's she been? Plus, one thing I've always found interesting about her history, and a lot of modern readers aren't aware of it, is that she originally wore Patsy's costume as "The Cat," prior to being transformed into a

were-woman. Greer and Patsy should really have bonded more over the years, since they're costume sisters! Can you make it happen?

I shouldn't even get started about Jubilee, you don't need another paragraph here, but Jubilee is a greatly underappreciated character these days. Too many people relegate her to being the whiny teenage amateur seen in the '90s X-Men animated series, even though her comic book counterpart was a lot more of a badass. While I'm still wishing she hadn't lost her powers and become a vampire, Jubilee still manages to pull her weight, and is now a great example of young motherhood in comics.

Keep bringing us more Patsy; and all of the bonus appearances of characters from titles we've loved and lost! Make Mine Marvel!

Mark McCracken
Huntersville, NC

P.S. I've included a photo of my kitty, Kirarra. She's actually 12 years old, but still looks like a kitty.



HMM, counting Ed's letter, that's two votes for Tigra! With Black Cat in our next arc, we're definitely covering our feline hero bases, but I also like her history with Hellcat. Let's just do a kitten spectacular, n'est-ce pas? Me-ow!

Hmm, a lot of excitement about Tigra. Maybe we should get her agent on the phone?

Dear cats and kittens,

My cat COOKIE and I love Patsy!! Yes, I do read the book to my cat. I am a graphic artist and my cat helps me; she always opens my cabinet of pencils and markers and urges me to keep working! Some requests: please keep up the great and fun work on PWAKAHC. Please release some kind of collection of classic Patsy, Hedy, etc. (That is long overdue from Marvel.) Please have TIGRA as a guest in HELLCAT. Please print COOKIE'S picture!

Make Mine Marvel!!

Thanks,
Ed Wargo
Edison, NJ



Heya, Ed! I love this, what a little angel! I can see her starring in her own crime-fighting adventures... As for collections of old PATSY AND HEDY, I also hope to see them some day! And Tigra? Well, I'll keep her in mind...

Work it, Cookie!

That's all for us this month. We'll see you in October with a spooooky new adventure, ripe for the best holiday of the year. And hey: to those of you Brittney and I met at Flame Con in August--THANKS. You are the best and loveliest audience in the world. We even got our first lan cosplay! Keep it coming...

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STOP
ME-OW"
STARTS

NOW!

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HELLCAT!

That's me!

THE **PATSY WALKER**
TEMP AGENCY

Since losing her gig as a private investigator, Patsy's been trying to start a temp agency for super-powered people who aren't interested in the hero business.

Maybe things will start to settle down? Or maybe Patsy's caught the attention of another bad girl, Felicia Hardy, A.K.A. **Black Cat**! Can't a girl catch a break?

But crazy hero business keeps finding Patsy! First, her nemesis/ high school frenemy **Hedy Wolfe** got the rights to publish a series of embarrassing comics starring teenage Patsy (awkward!).

Then! Patsy's ex, **Hellstrom**, tried to send her to a literal hell?? Luckily, Patsy has great friends who have her back--no matter what--including her assistant, **Jubilee**, and telekinetic roommate, **Ian**!

Then, just after stopping Hedy with the power of **CONTRACT NULLIFICATION**, Patsy's bestie/ lawyer **She-Hulk** was injured in a super-battle! Now she's in a coma and Patsy's heartbroken.

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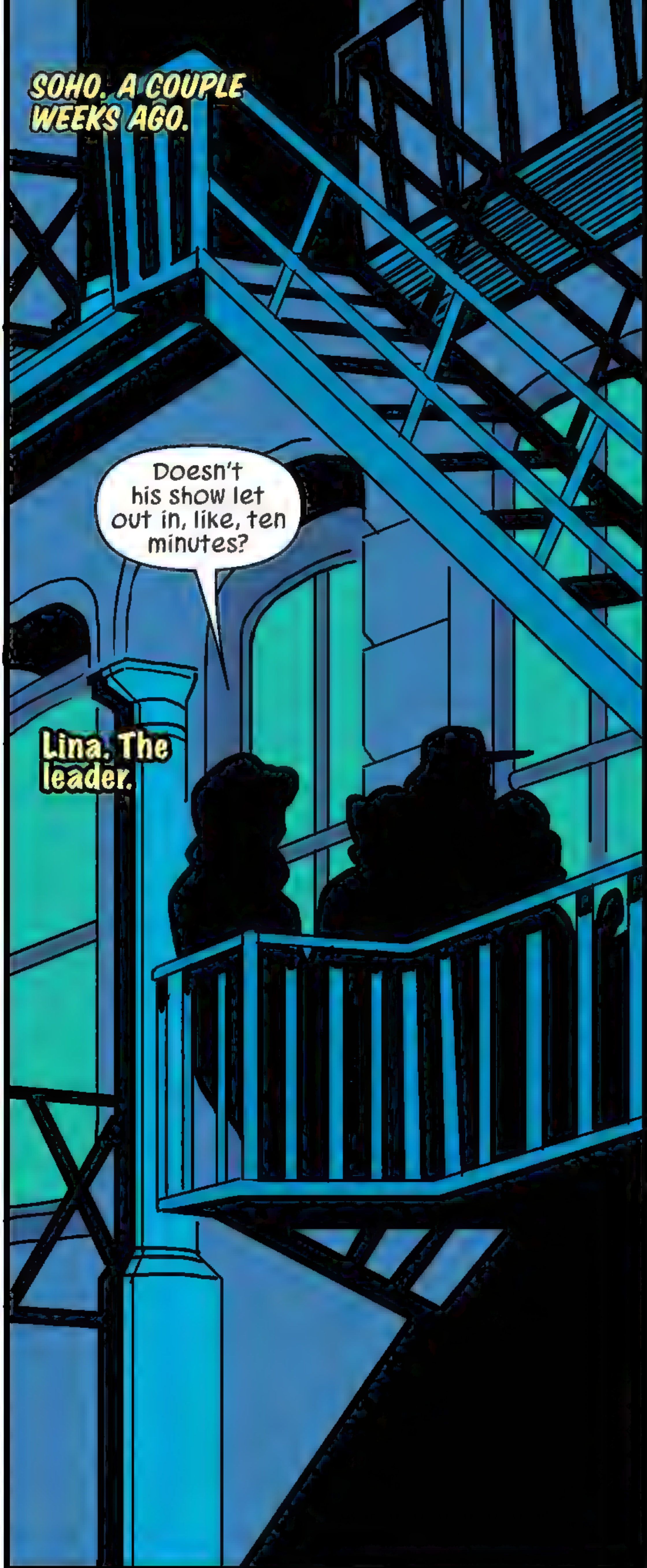
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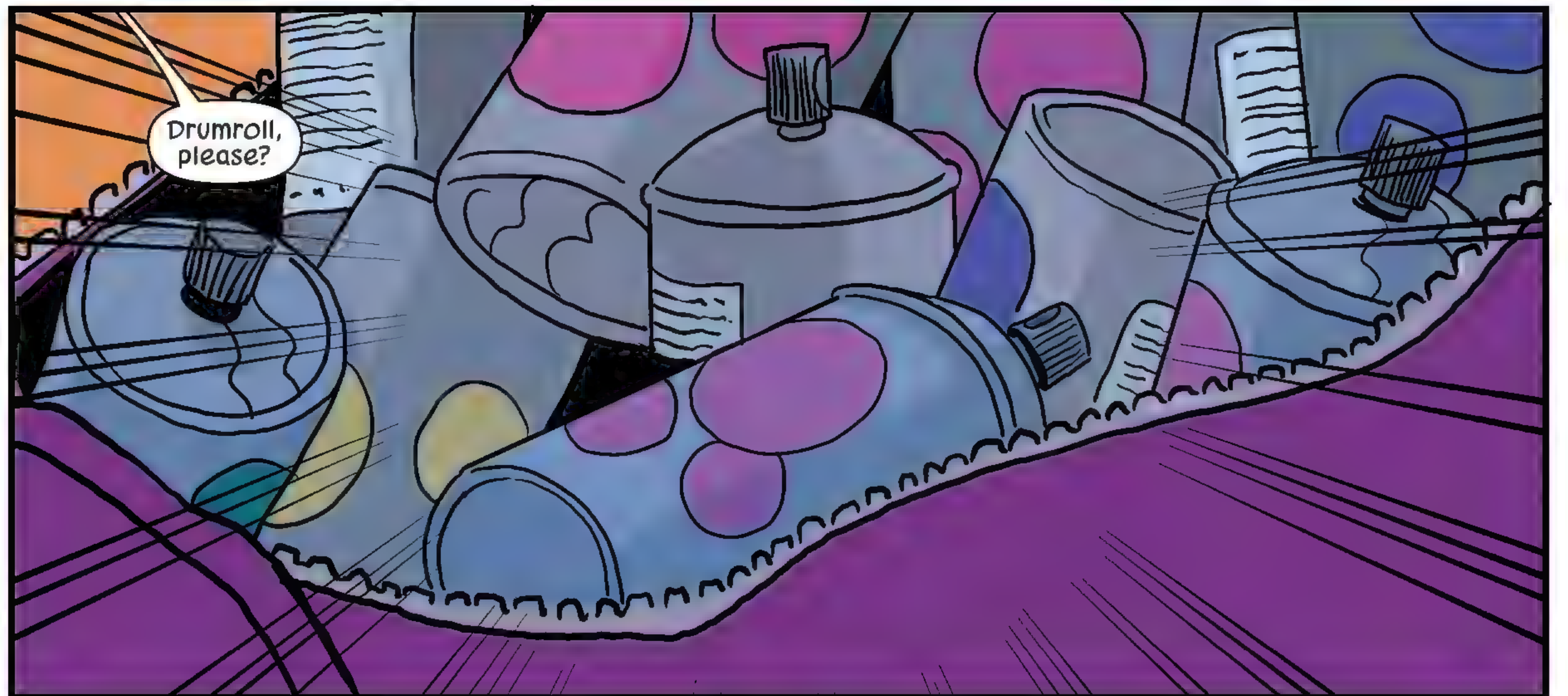
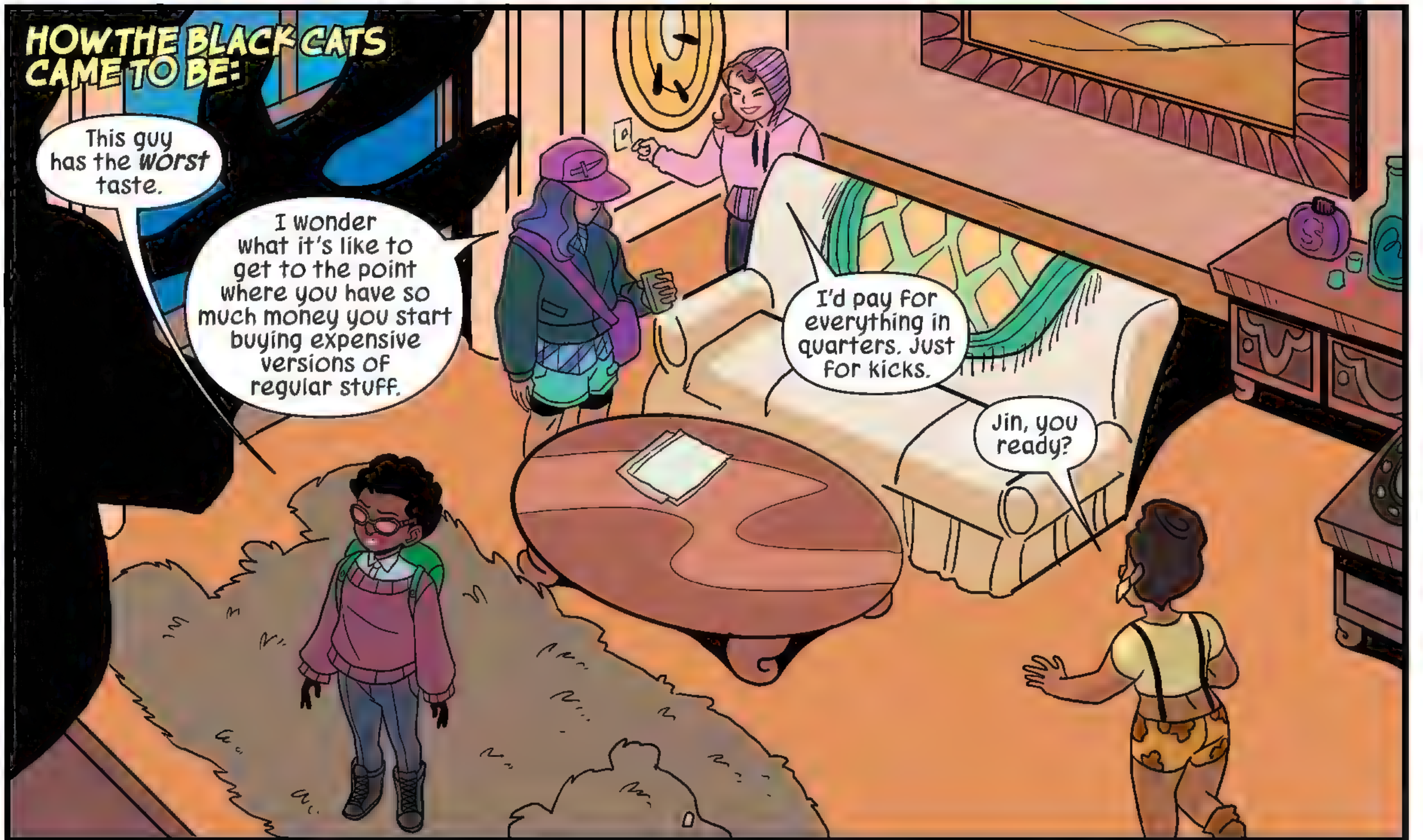
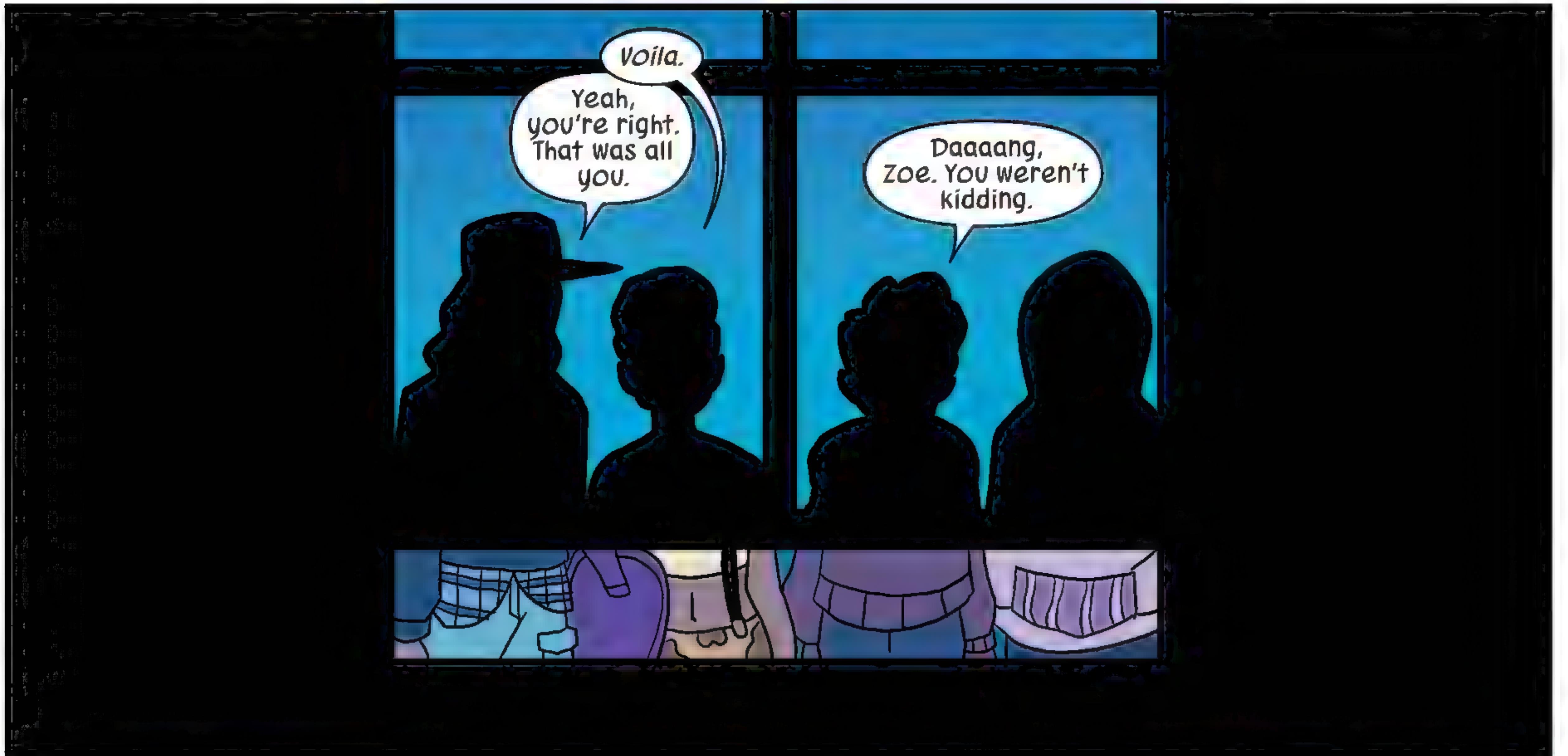
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Oh, very nice.



You think? I mean, he's the real artist, don't you know.



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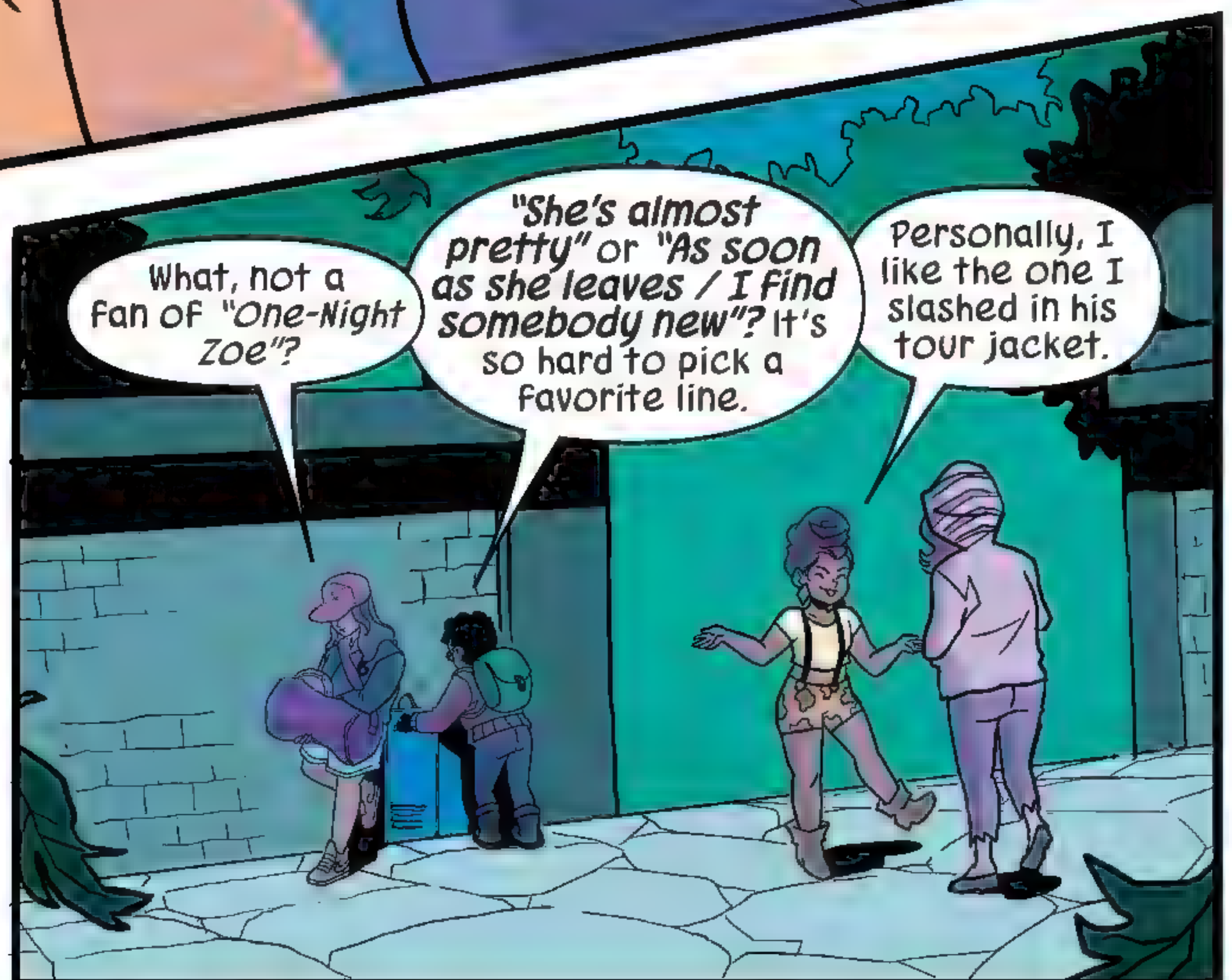
He's back.



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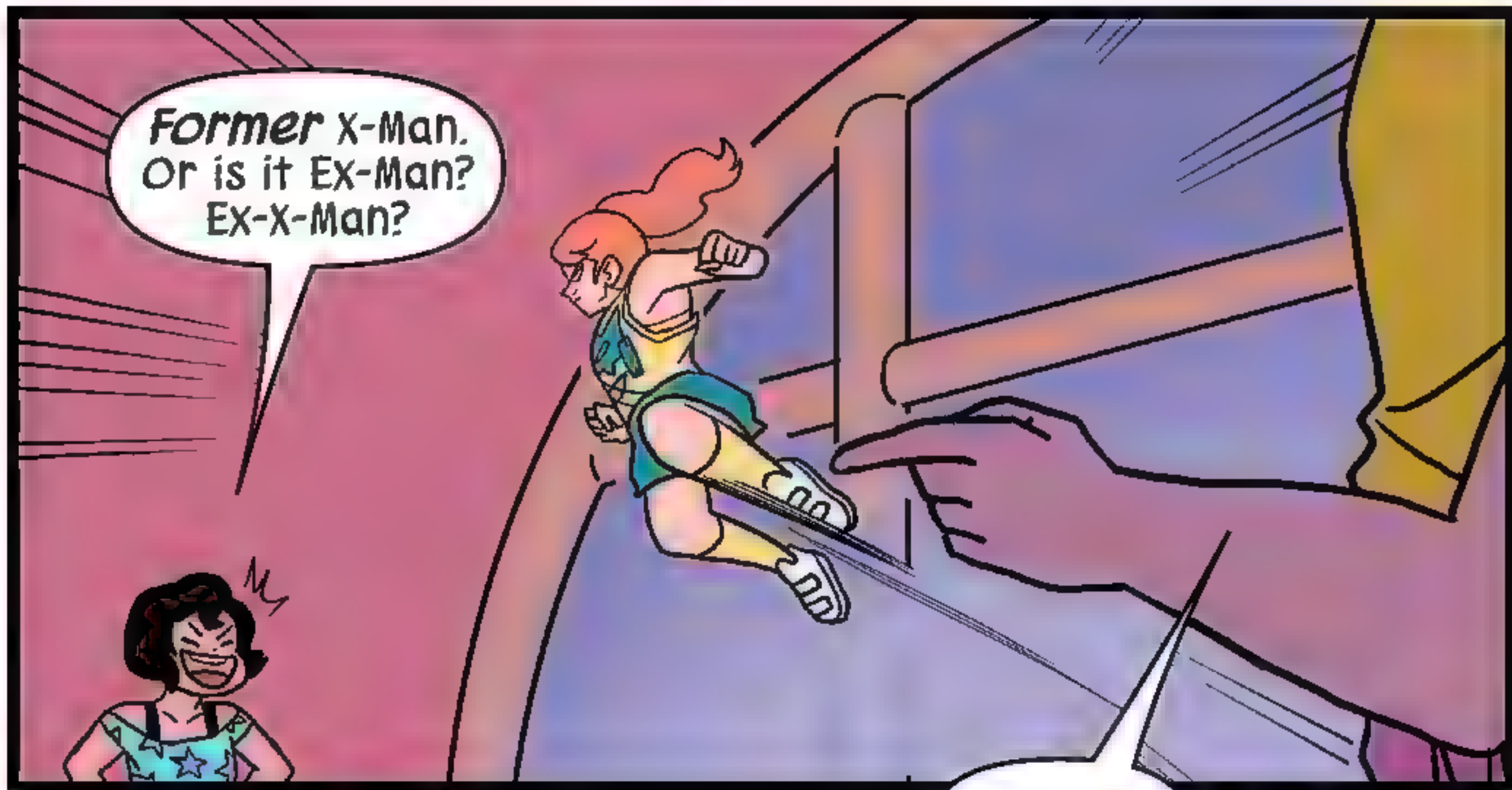
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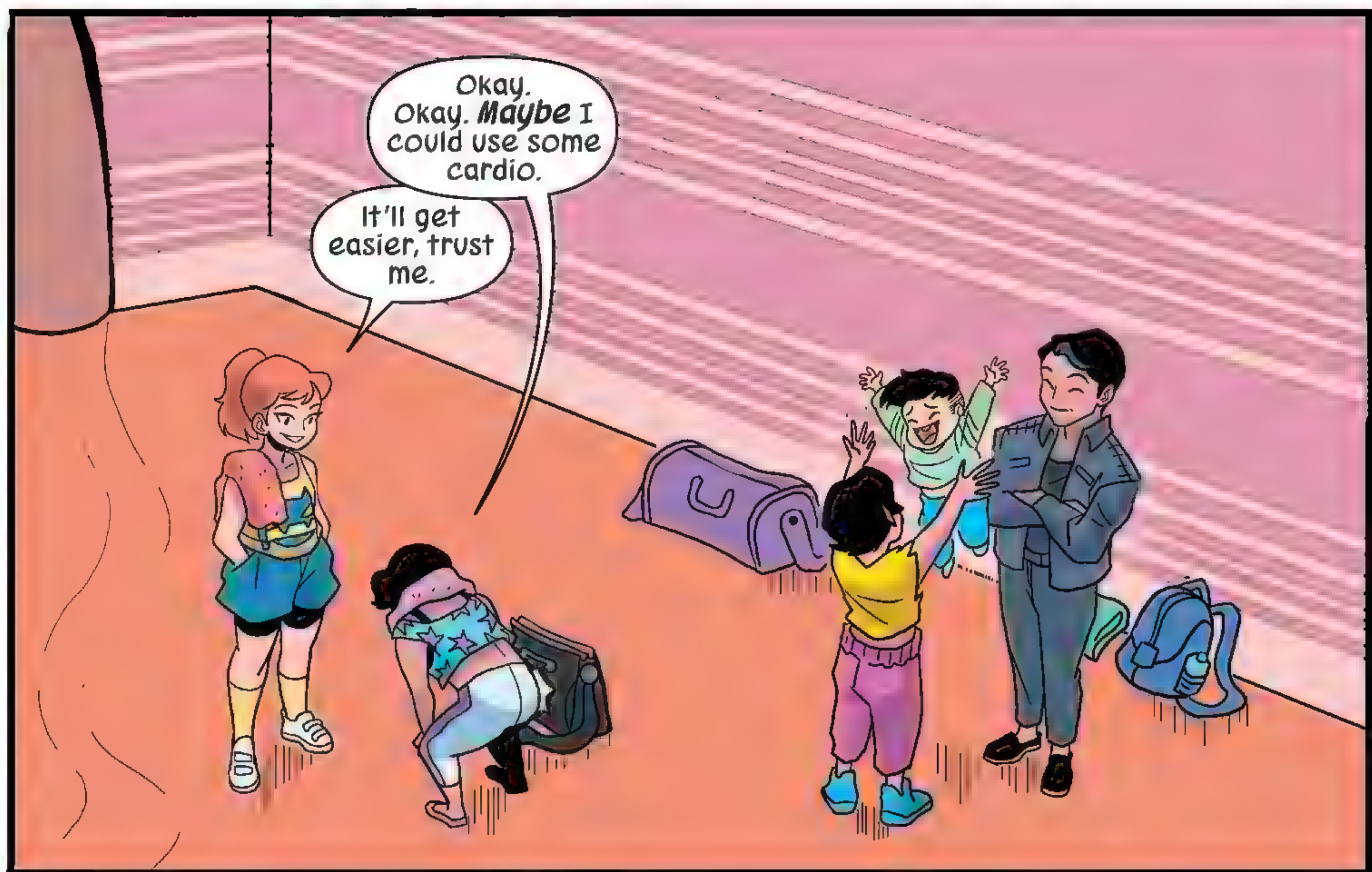
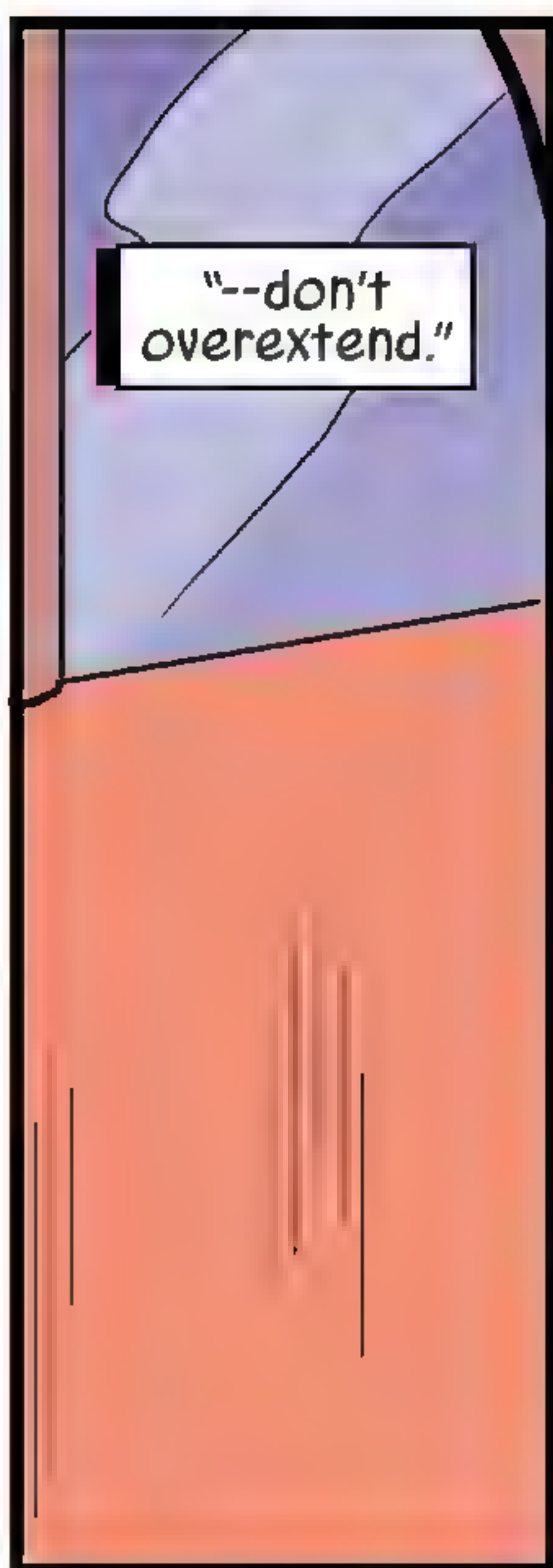


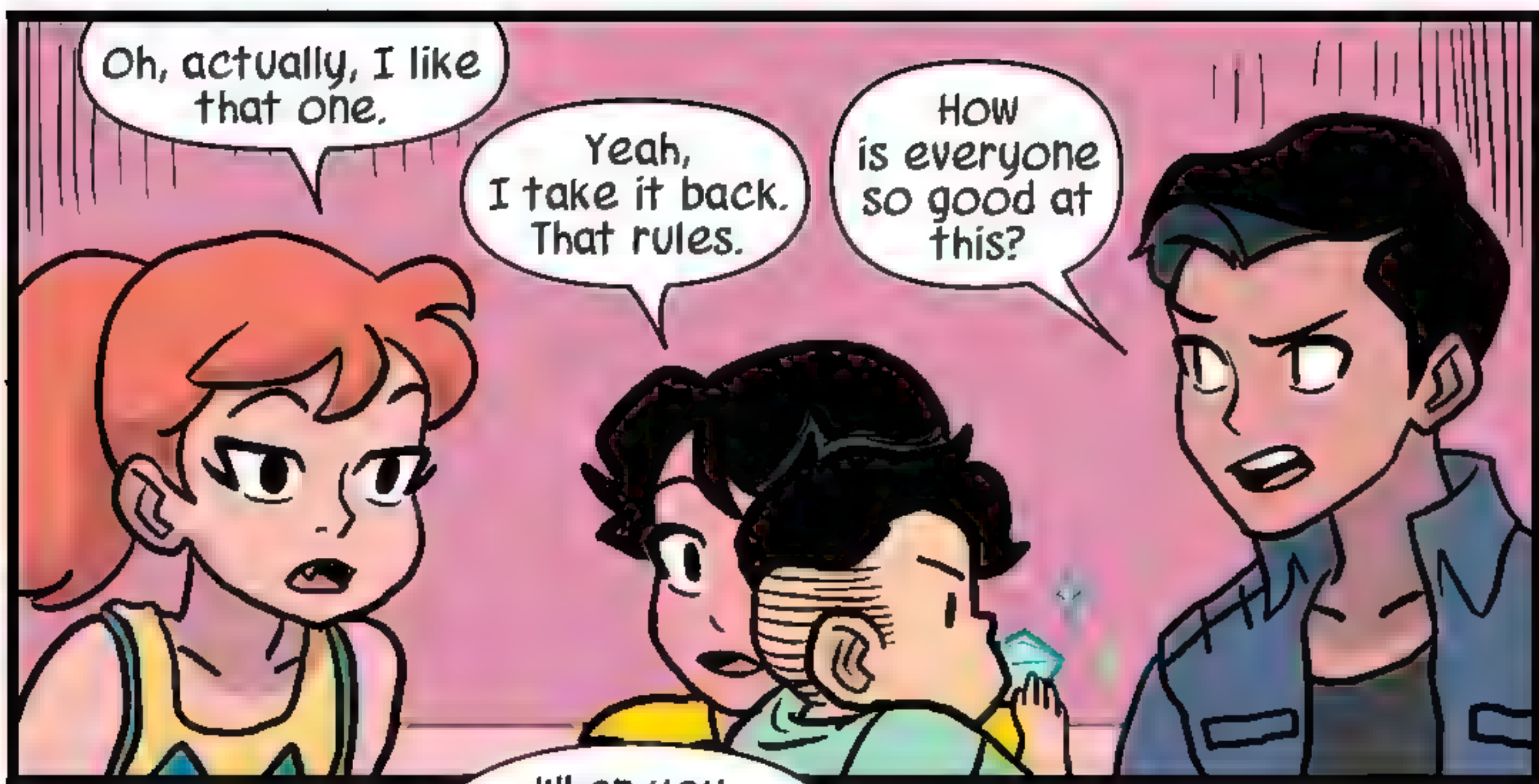


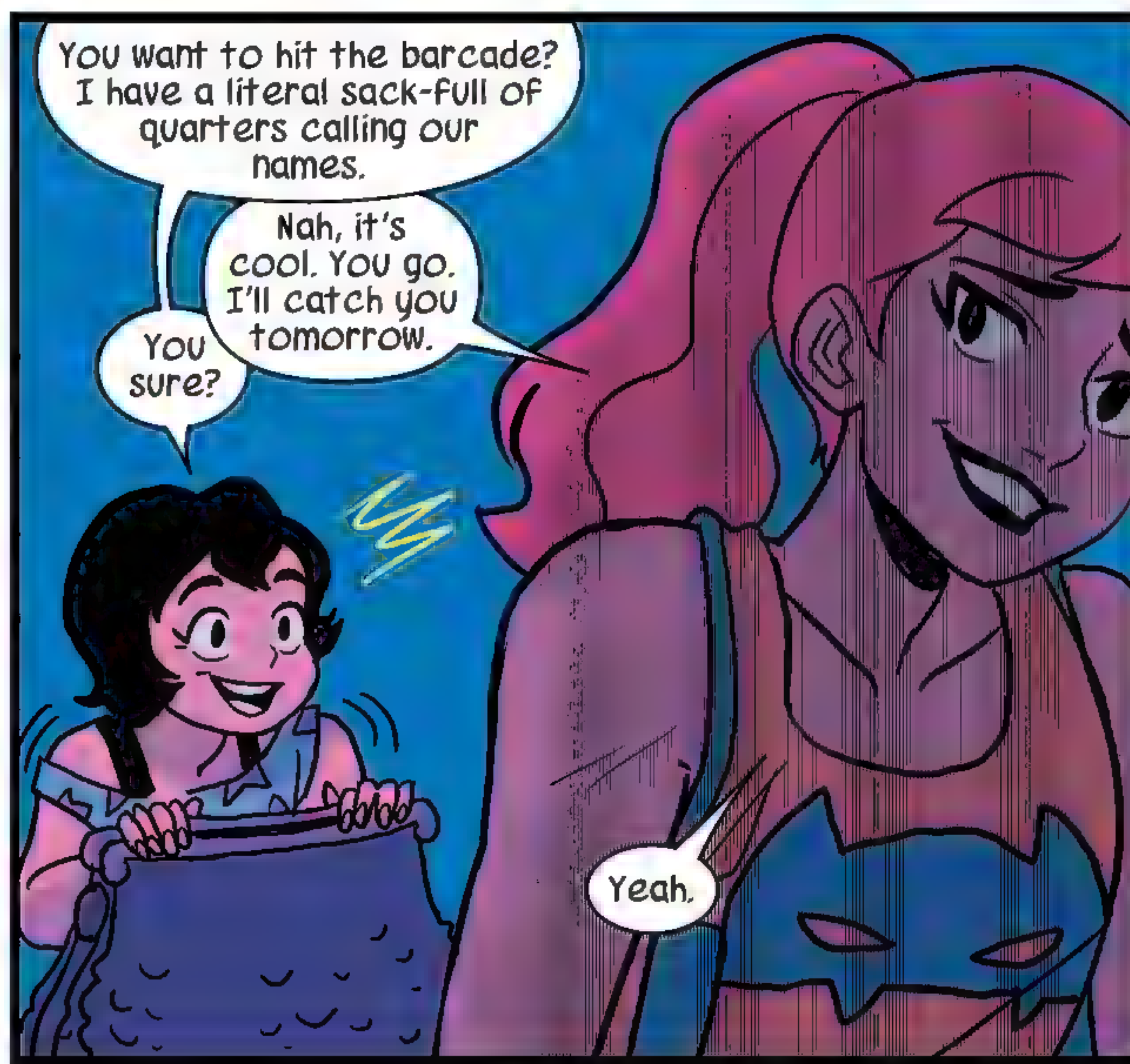
Black Cat, A.K.A. Felicia Hardy. She's not bad, she's just drawn--oh no, wait, yeah, she's pretty bad, actually.















So.
Hellcat is Patsy
Walker.

Dang,
really? Like,
that Patsy Walker?
I love those
comics.

And that
temp agency
for supers.

Quite.



Change of
plans...we can't
disappear someone
that notable, especially
if she has a rolodex of
magical do-gooders
at her beck and
call.

What
are we here for,
then? Let's get
pizza.



Why not
take out the
rolodex?

Not a bad
plan.

It's *great*.
No bodyguards, no
problem. If she ends up
getting in the way, we
can take out *one*
little cat-girl.



Uh, no
offense.

None
taken.

All right.
Let's take a peek
into Ms. Walker's
offices.



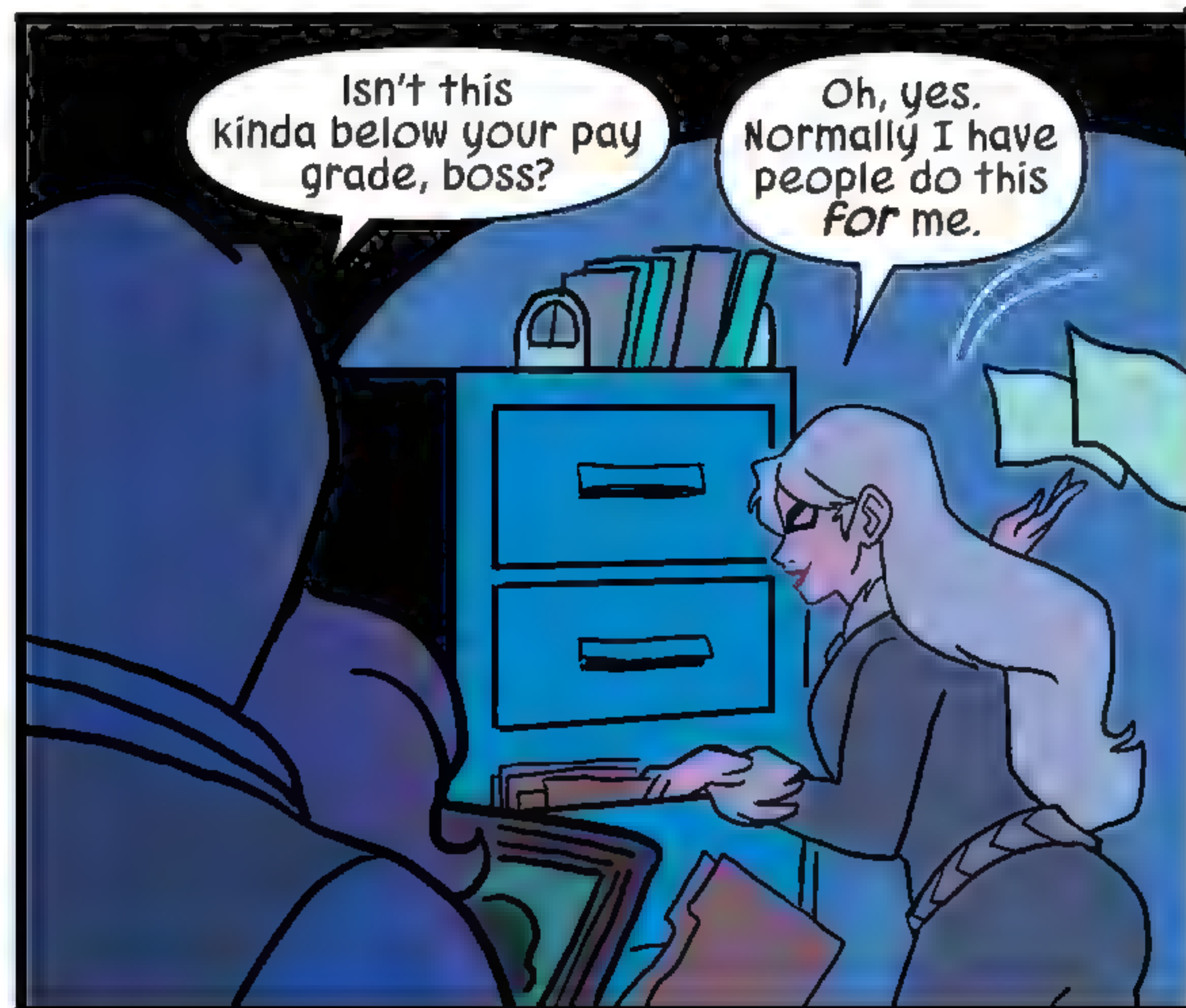
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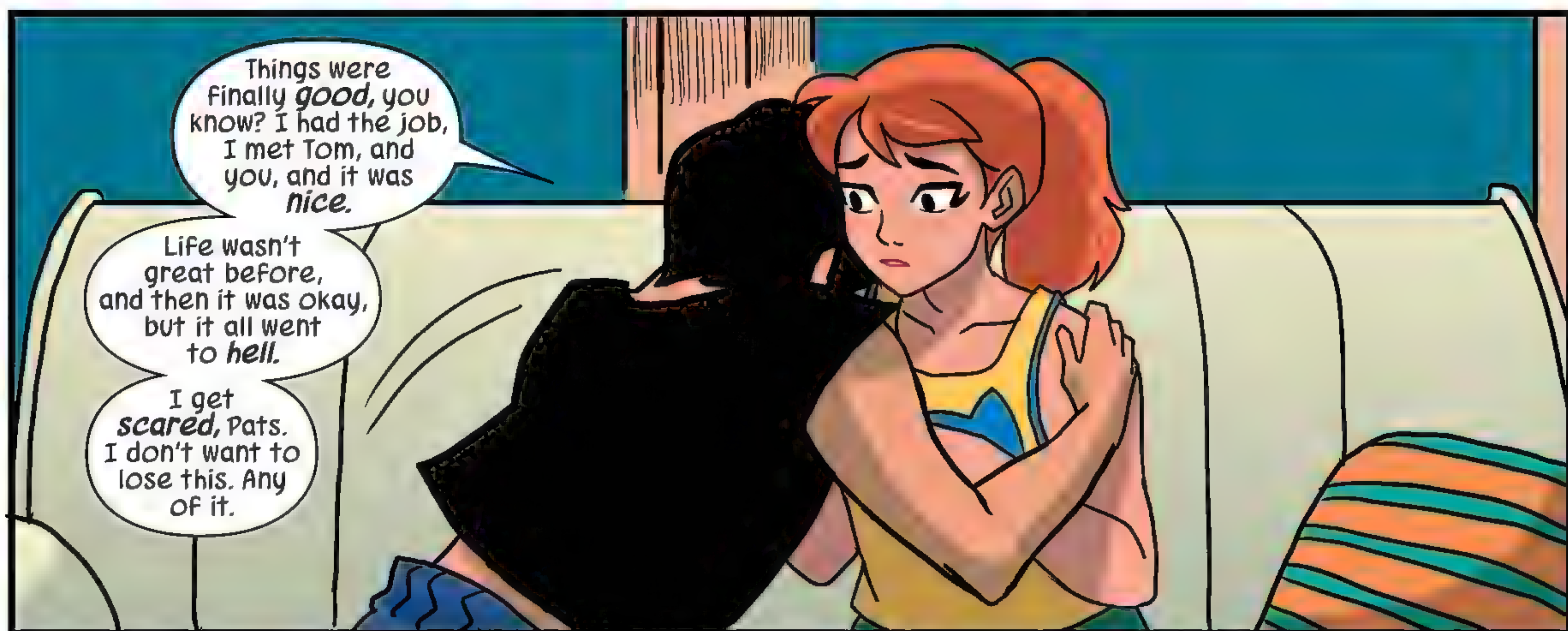
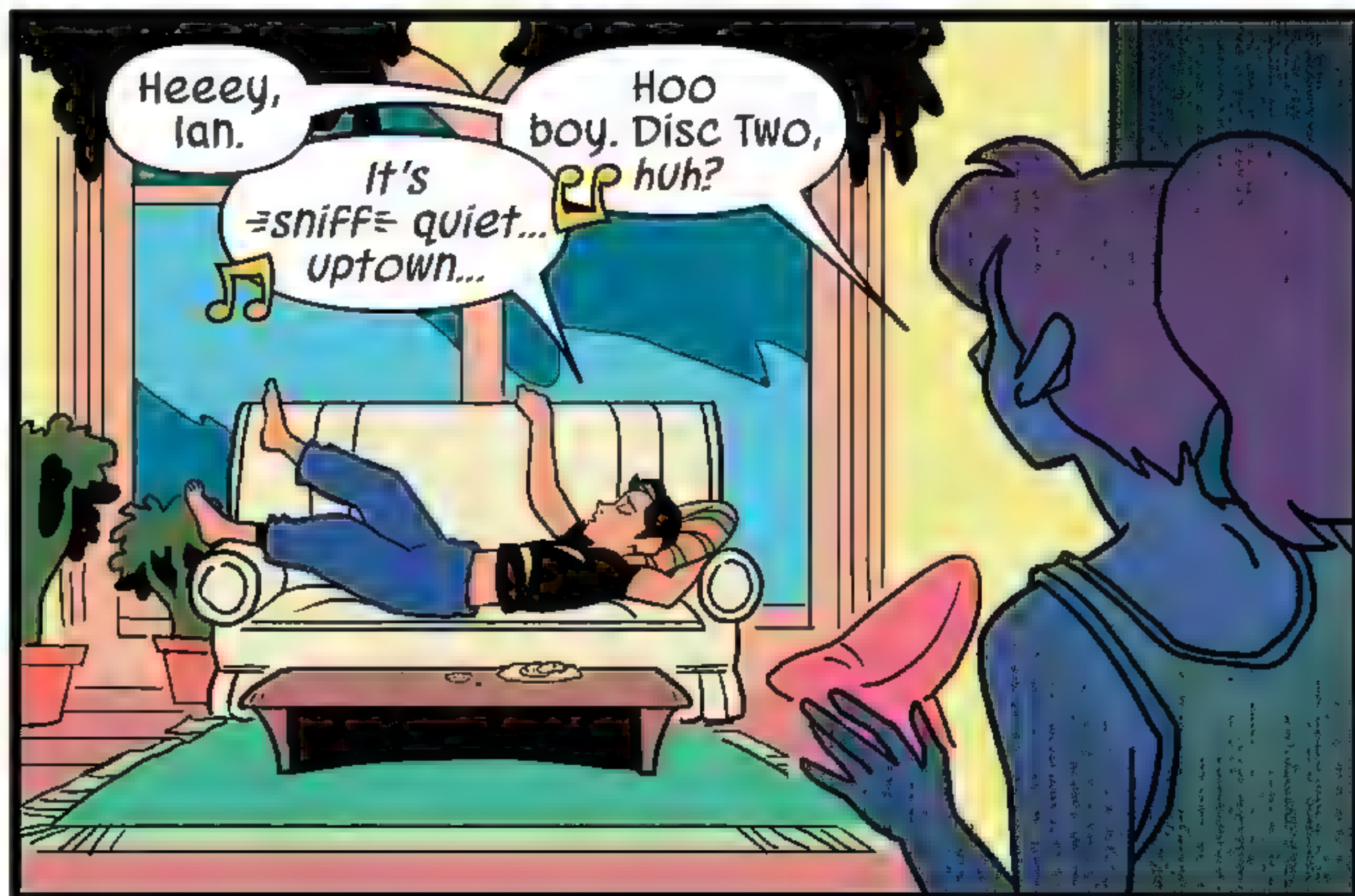
Send some
more crew to
keep her busy?
Already on it.

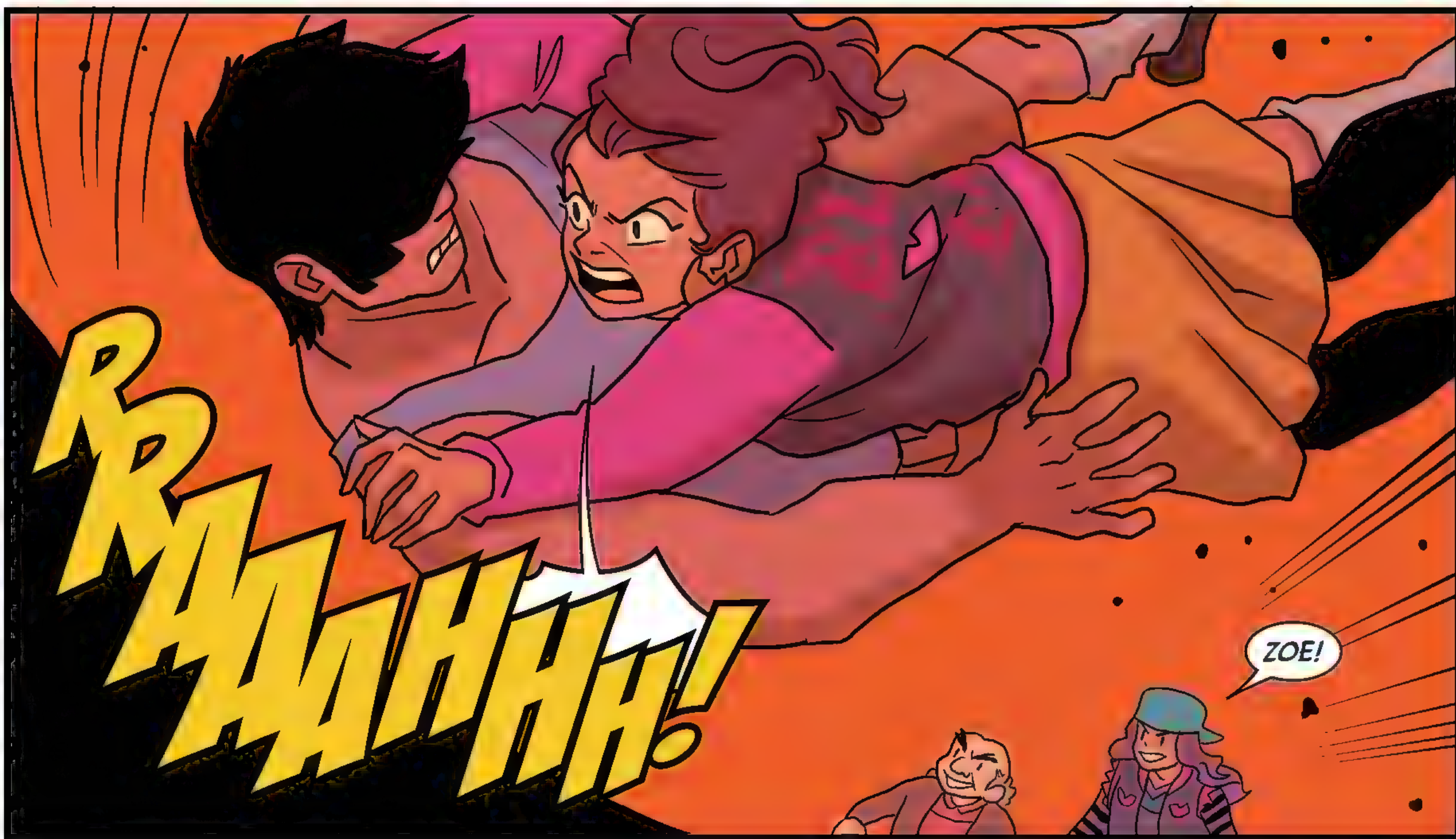
CANARSIE SKATE PARK. BROOKLYN.













What was that?



Patsy Walker! Come down here and Face me or I bash his Face in!



Yeah, you too, IAN.

Wait, who is that? Do you know her?

Ohhhh dear.



You remember how someone had just moved out when you took the spot?

Her?!



Things didn't exactly end well. I never mentioned her, 'cause--

Hurry up, Walker! I'll count to three!









HELLO, KITTIES

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Hellooooo, Hellkittens! Welcome to the big bad world of Felicia Hardy and The Black Cats. Not the band, mind you, the GIRL GANG. Things are getting pretty complicated in Patsy's world, and it won't slow down anytime soon. Next month seems ages away, but until then:

Dear HELLCAT team,

I have been reading HELLCAT since day one.

As soon as I saw the very first issue I was crazy about it, and so, it seems, are my cats! I was reading the latest issue this morning and realized the next issue will be on sale on my birthday. I was so, so happy when I saw that!

I wanted to write and let you know that you are incredibly talented and are making other Hellcat cadets like myself very happy.

I can't wait to read the next issue on my birthday.

Love,
Cat Ramage



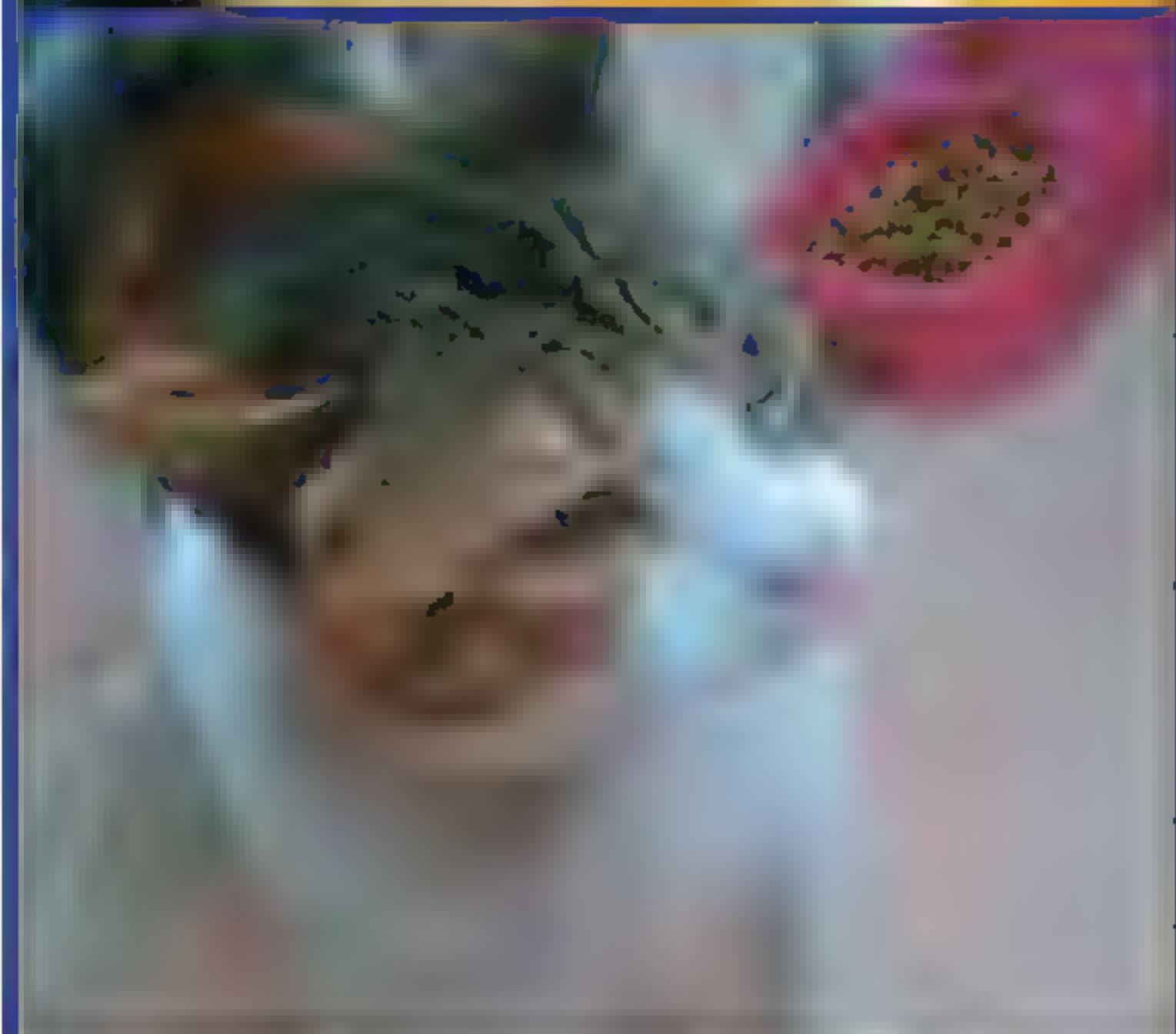
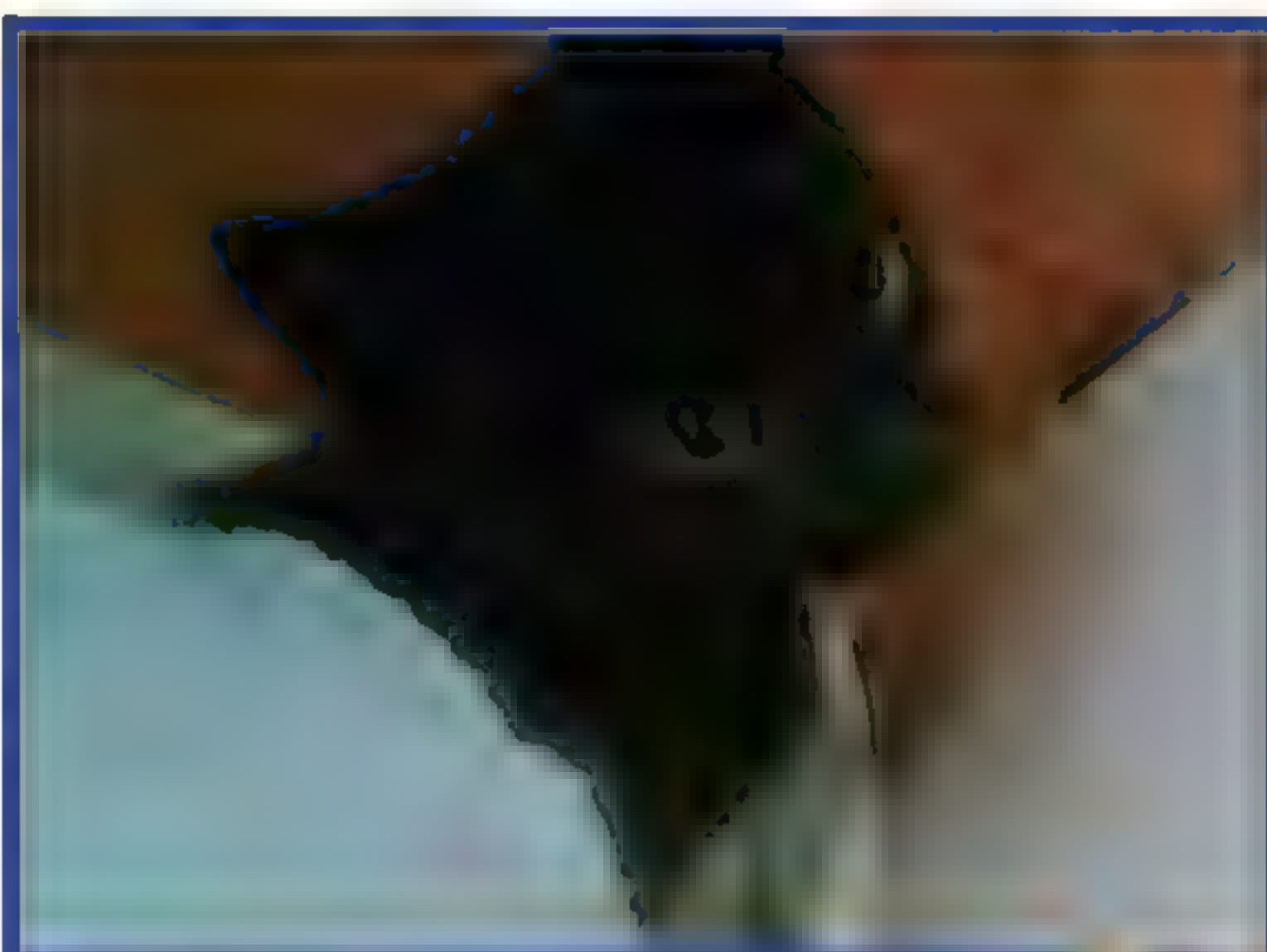
HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY, Cat! Is your name really CAT? That's just astounding. There are so many cat puns I want to make, I'm just overwhelmed. Thanks for reading, and please smooch those perfect faces on our behalf.

Hello, Kitties.

Just wanted to say I've really enjoyed the past couple of issues, and I really appreciate the continuity references to DEFENDERS, which is still one of my all-time favorite Marvel titles (I really wish someone would give the Defenders another chance, and actually use Patsy, Val, Nighthawk, and the others who carried the book for so many years instead of just the founding "big three"). I can't really say I'm pleased to see Jubilee show up, but given how much fun this book has been so far, maybe you can even make her tolerable!

And since it now seems to be tradition to do so in this book: the three below are

our cats, Treacle Tart (the one investigating a plastic sack), Custard (her overweight black-and-white lump of an adoptive son), and Molly (the other one. Yes, I know her name doesn't fit the theme, but she was a late addition we found living alone in an empty house and apparently, according to the people next door, Molly was the name her owners gave her before they moved out and left her behind). They are our pride and joy.



What a show! What an incredible trio! These babies are a solid 10/10. I hope you're enjoying Jubilee in the series, because we love the heck out of her and plan to keep her around awhile. She's a vampire! What the heck!

Gretchen (age 9): Hi, I'm Gretchen. I absolutely love Hellcat's costume! Patsy also has red hair, just like my mom.

Samantha (age 5): My daddy reads HELLCAT to me, and we have a lot of fun, and I am learning to read.

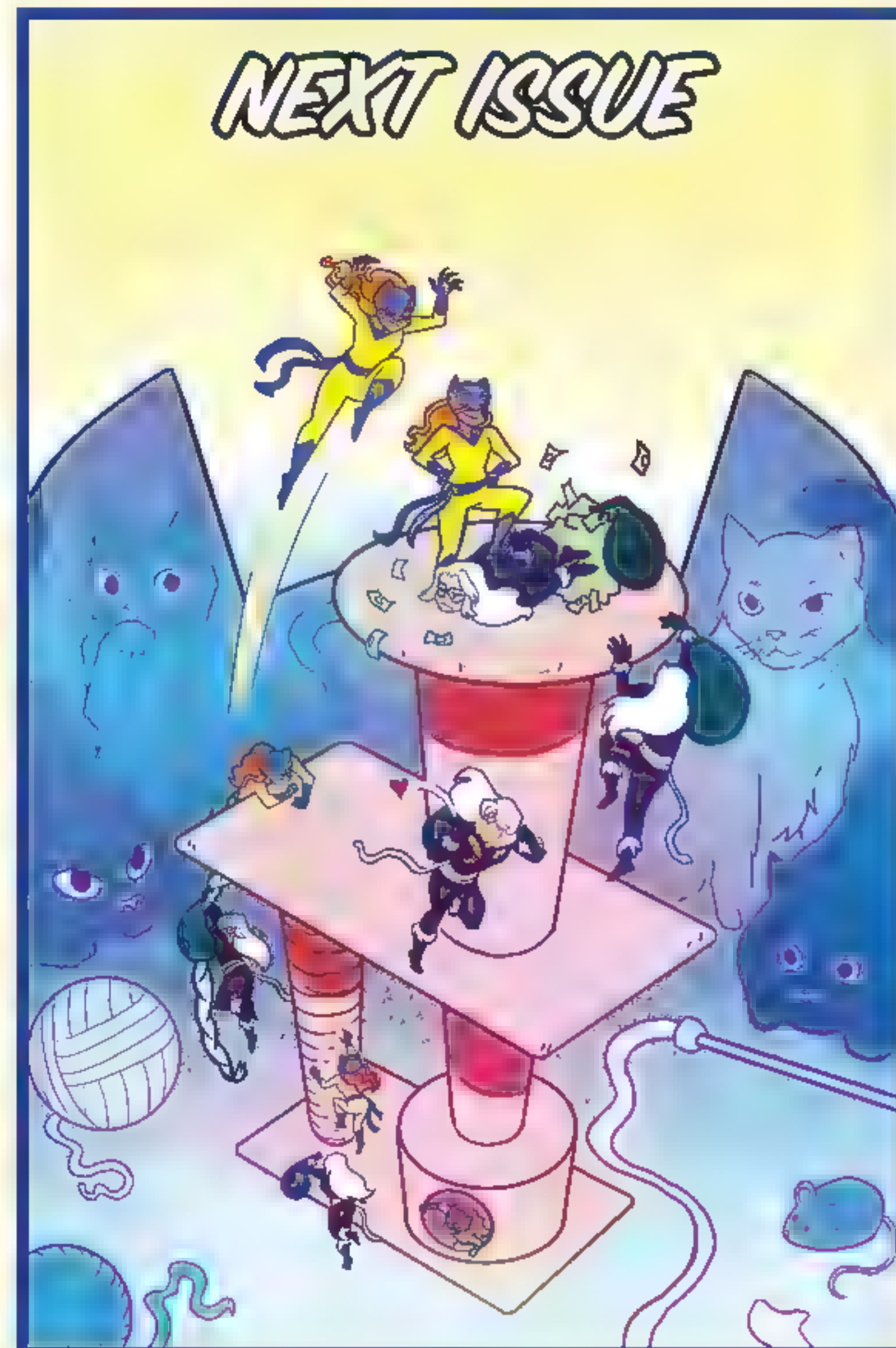
Daddy ("old"): Hello, Kitties!

Thanks to everyone involved for putting out this great series that I can share with my daughters. The picture shows a comic (PATSY WALKER #99) that chronicled the first meeting between Patsy Walker and Linda Carter, several years before the Hellcat or Night Nurse identities would be introduced into the Marvel Universe. Any chance of those two meeting up again in this new PATSY series? Keep up the fine work. Excelsior!



Ahhh, look at these two heroes! What a pair! And that ART! I'm floored. You let 'em know we said to keep drawing! As for guest stars... Well, they just keep popping up, don't they? You never know who might come around.

-Kate



Patsy Walker, A.K.A.

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Patsy Walker, A.K.A.

HELLCAT!

That's me!

THE **PATSY WALKER**
TEMP AGENCY

Since losing her gig as a private investigator, Patsy's been trying to start a temp agency for super-powered people who aren't interested in the hero business.

To top it all off, Patsy's telekinetic roommate, Ian, has a history with one of the Black Cats? We're headed for a showdown...and this time, it's all kinds of personal!

But crazy hero business keeps finding Patsy! First, her nemesis/ high school frenemy **Hedy Wolfe** got the rights to publish a series of embarrassing comics starring teenage Patsy (awkward!).

The experience brought Patsy and pals closer, just as **Black Cat** and her gang of bad girls, the **Black Cats**, started shadowing them. Black Cat even kidnapped Patsy's friend, Bailey. What's her deal?!

Then, just after stopping Hedy with the power of **CONTRACT NULLIFICATION**, Patsy's bestie/ lawyer **She-Hulk** was injured in a super-battle! Now she's in a coma and Patsy's heartbroken.

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OUTSIDE IAN SOO AND PATSY WALKER'S
APARTMENT. BROOKLYN. NOW.

So.

So.

So...
what?

Stay out
of this, litter
box.

I'm
guessing
there's not much
chance of you
talking this out,
is there?

You
haven't
changed at
all, have
you?

Why, do
you miss
me?





Just FYI, the girls are coming over in a bit, so I need you to run out and grab us some snacks.

Oh, goody.



Ari wants to go tag some law firm over in SoHo.



I'm gonna borrow your black sweater, 'kay? It looks better on me.



Did you hear me?



Yeah. Yes. Zoe, you have got to clean up around here sometimes. Or at least... um...



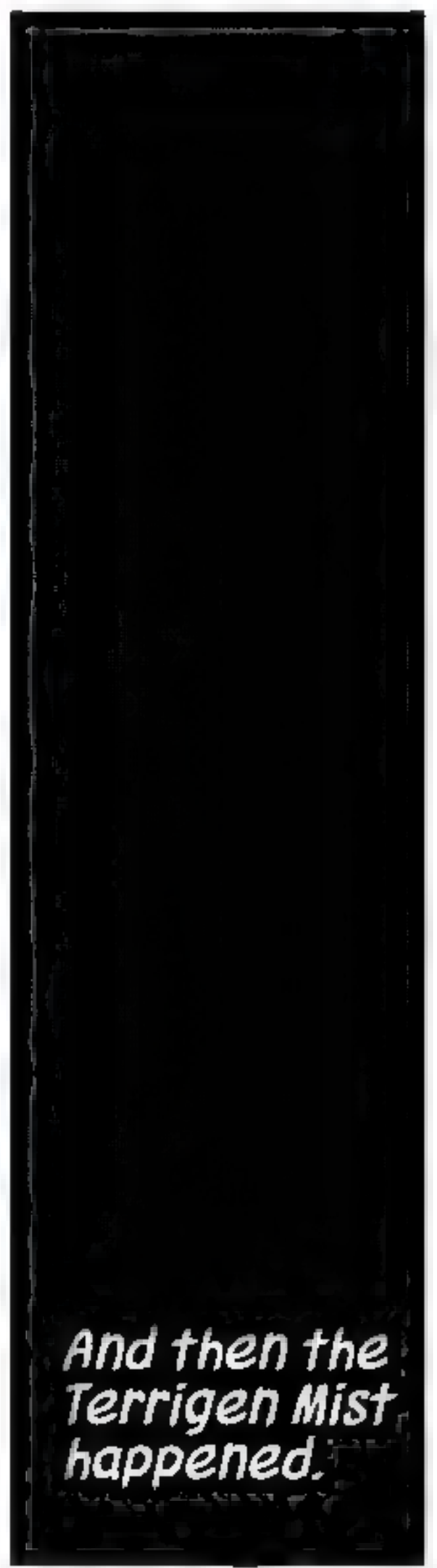
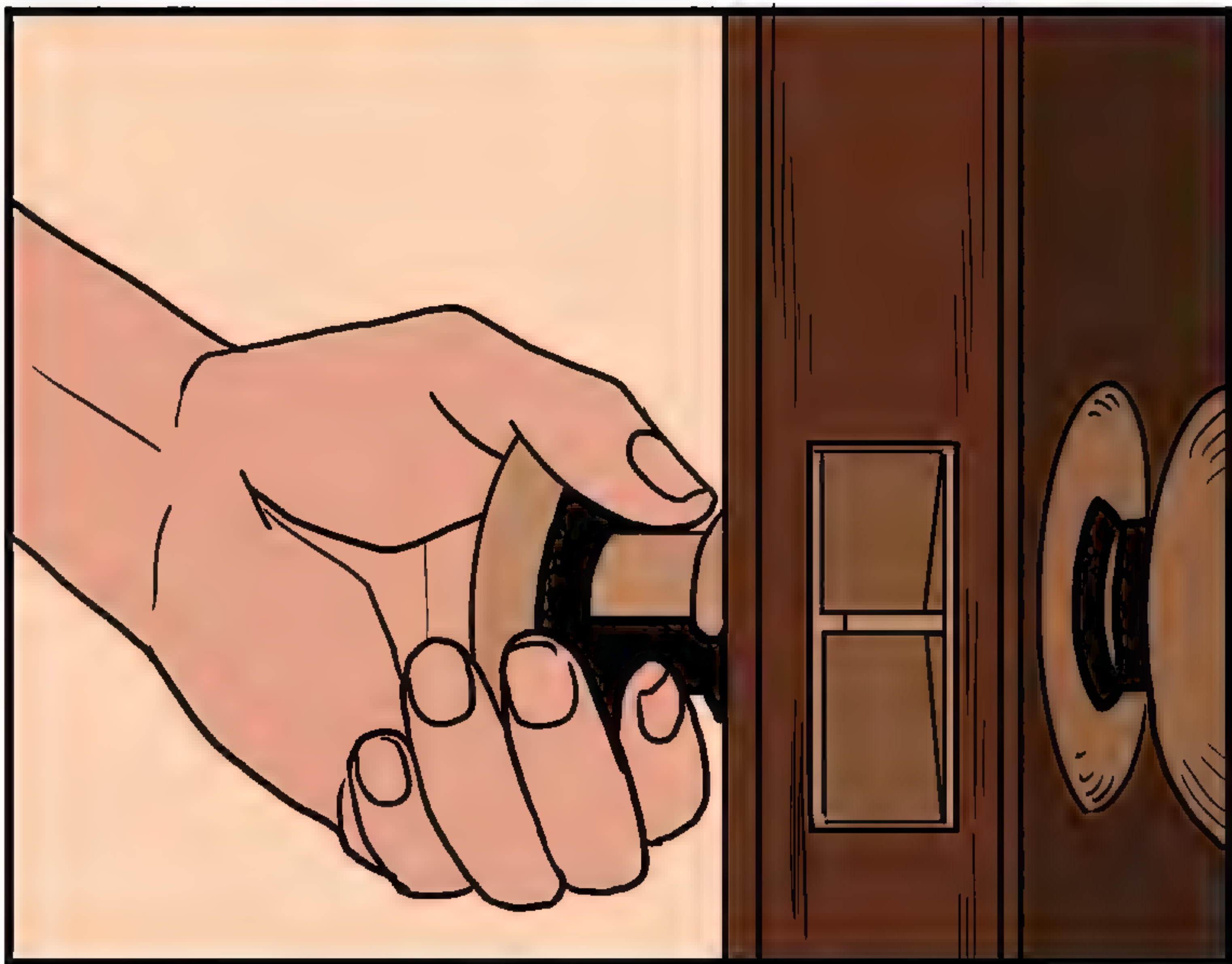
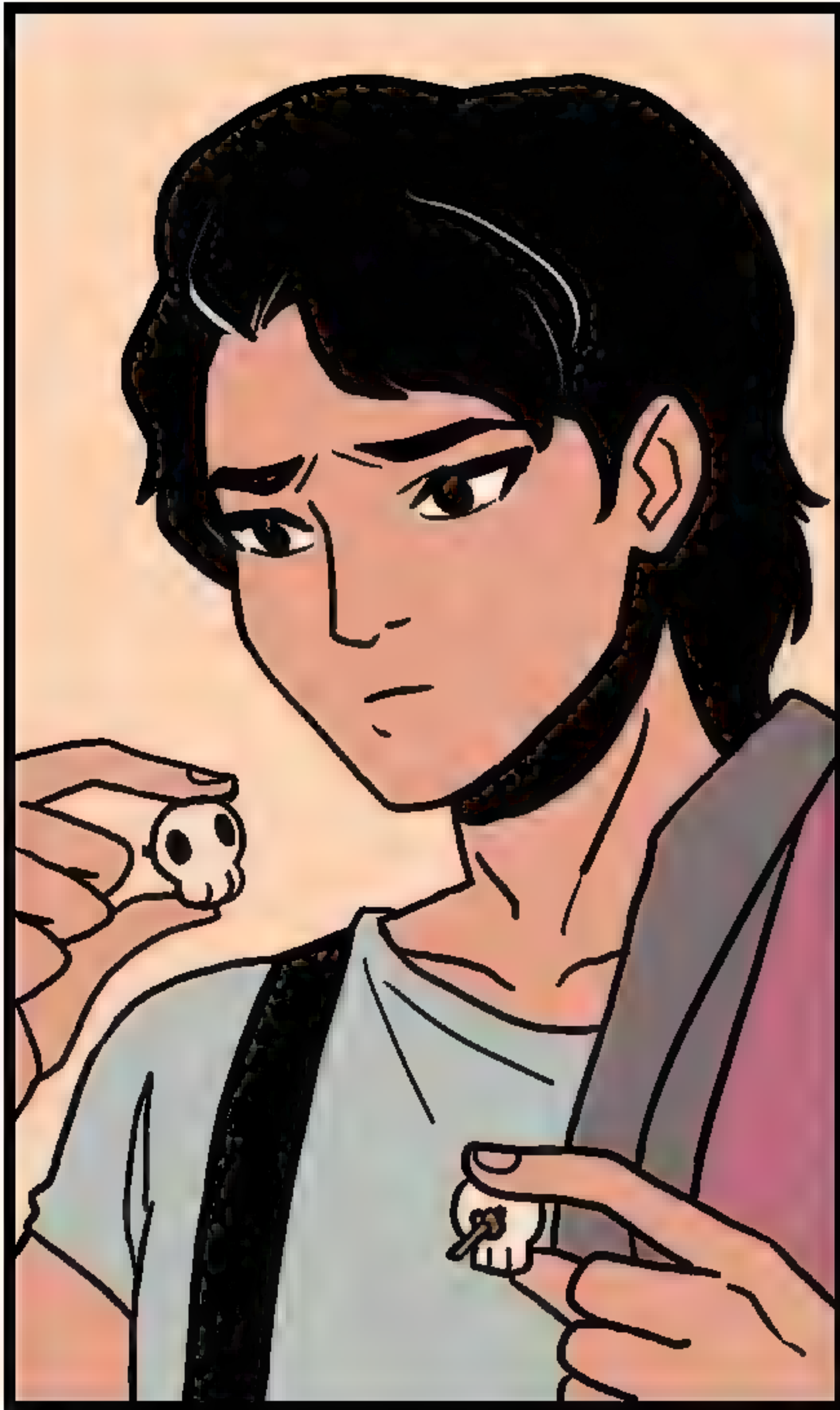
"At least" what, big shot?

Maybe... I mean, I don't want to tell you what to do, but--

So don't.



I'm grabbing a shower. I need you to be gone when they get here.



And then the Terrigen Mist happened.



Why would you come back?!



You just can't let me be happy, can you?

Ian, stop!



I'd listen to your *lady friend*. You may have picked up some party tricks, but I know you. You're not a fighter.

Geez, Zoe. Harsh much?



Are you kidding, Jin? I'm going easy on him.



Get down!

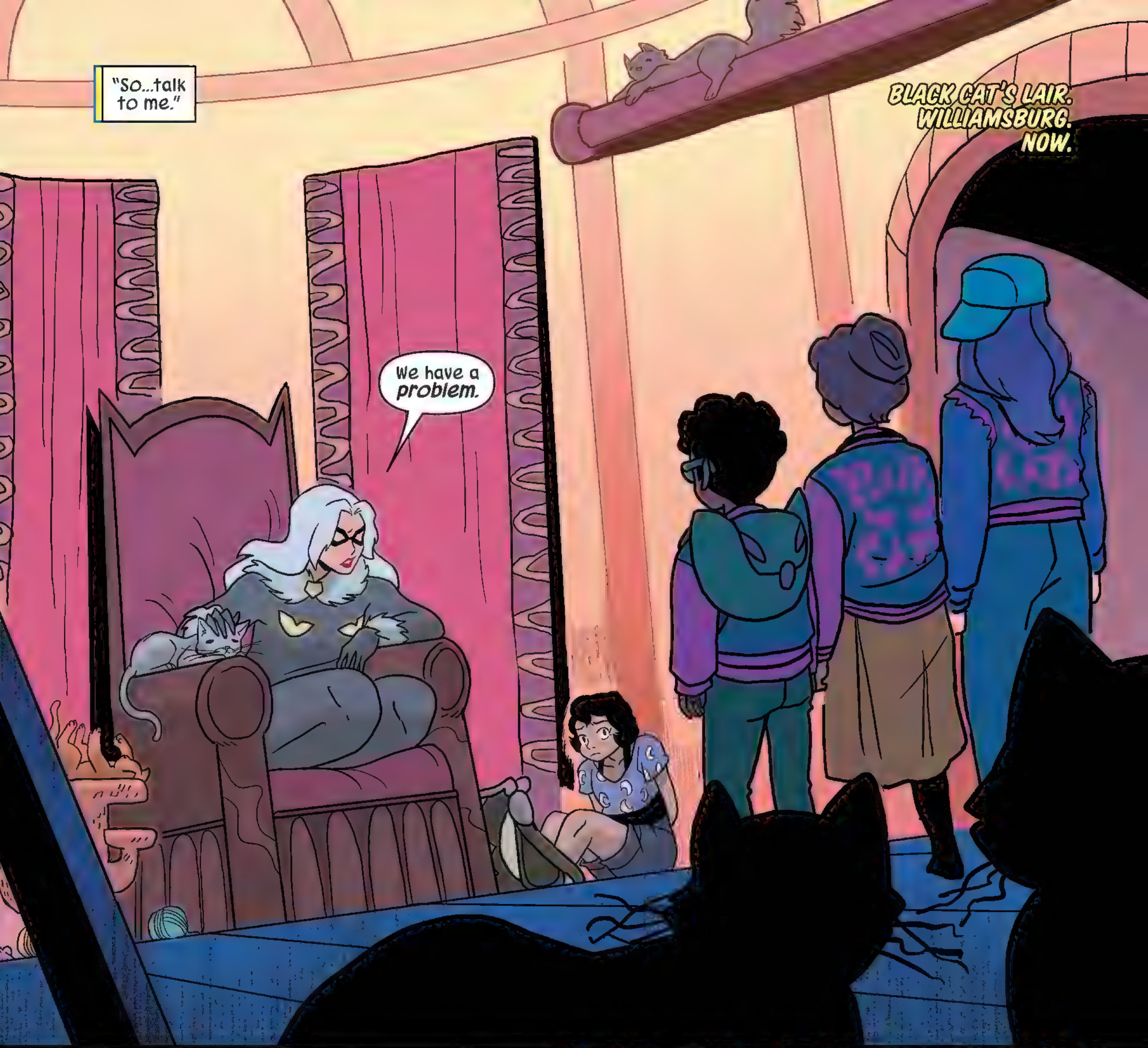




"So...talk to me."

BLACK CAT'S LAIR.
WILLIAMSBURG.
NOW.

We have a problem.



Wait, where's Lina?



Therein lies the problem.

Please, I don't...





You said
all I had to do
was think of what
I needed, and I
could get it
back.

Well...well,
yeah! T-that's
how it works
for me...



I can
feel jewelry,
purses...some
boots...what
feels like a
minivan...



...but no
Lina.

You put
our friend in
there?!

HUSH.



Please, I...
I'm not lying
to you.

Oh,
I know.
So
get her
back.

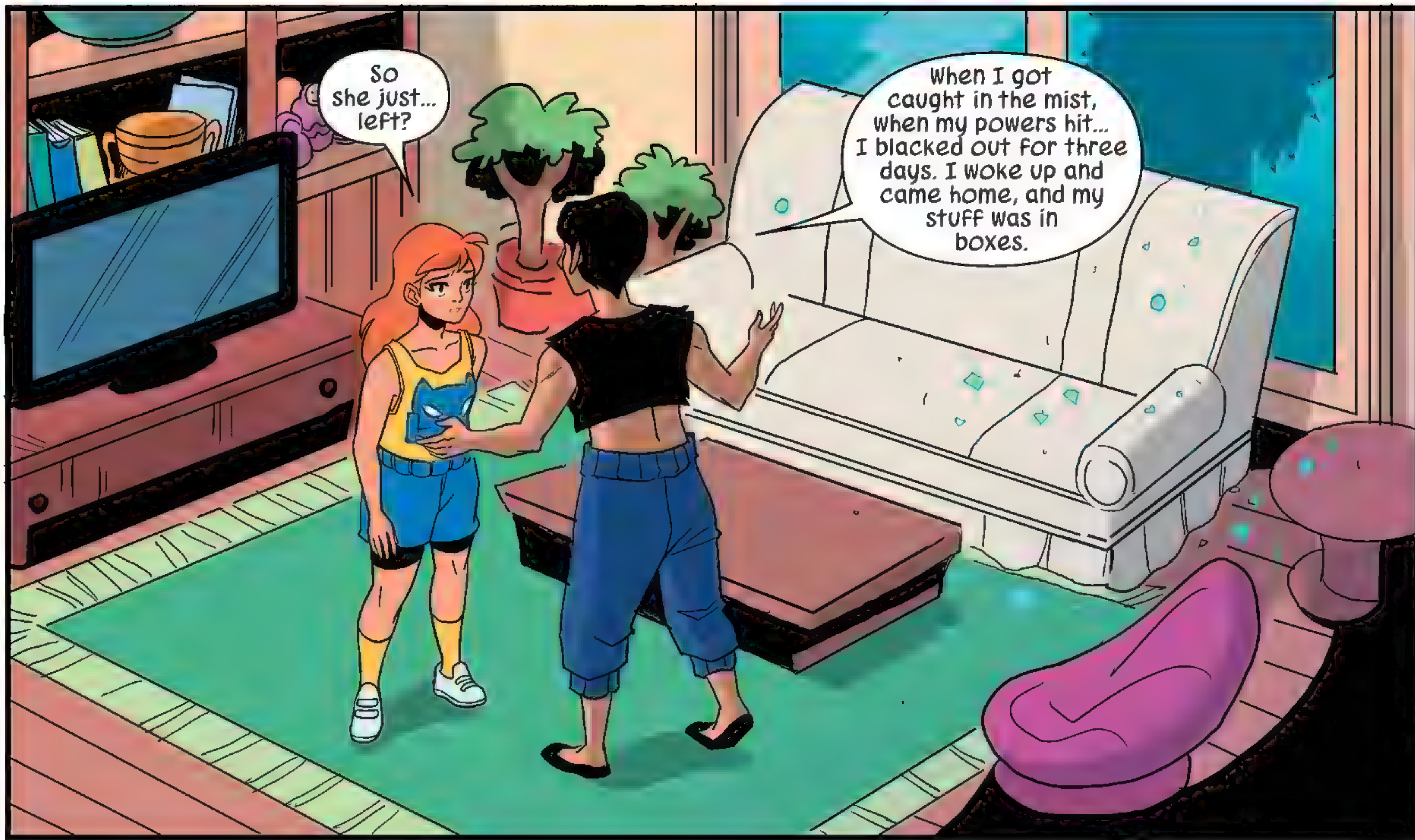
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okay...?

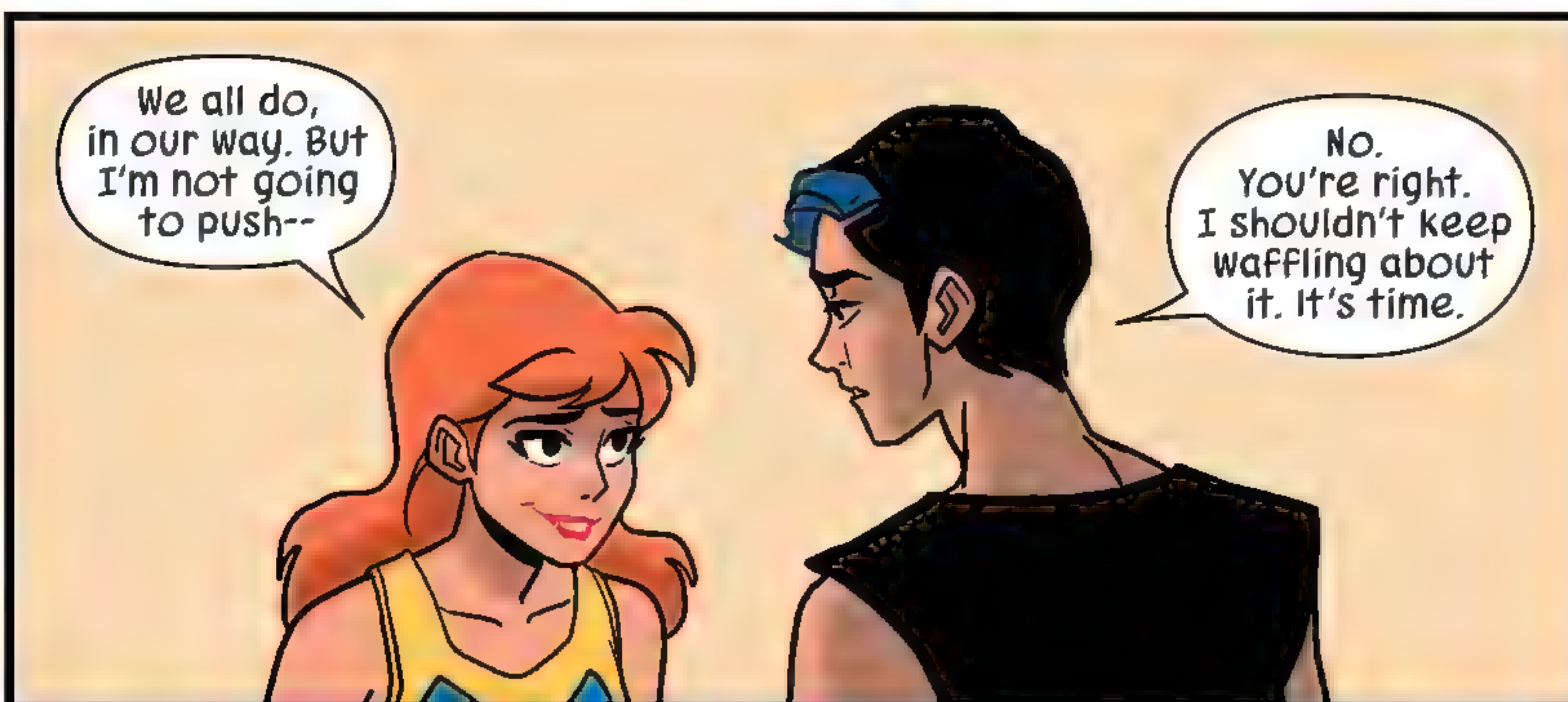
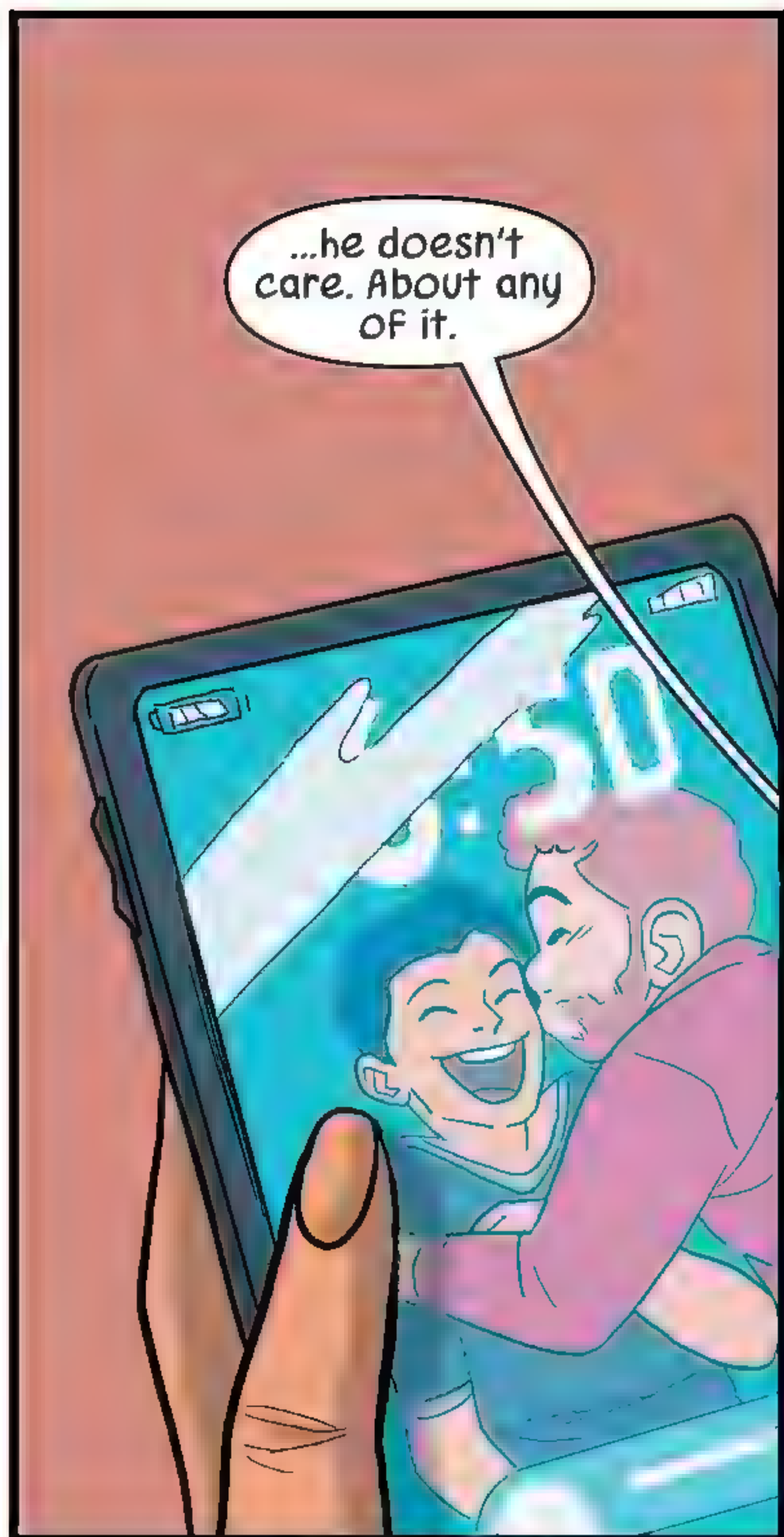


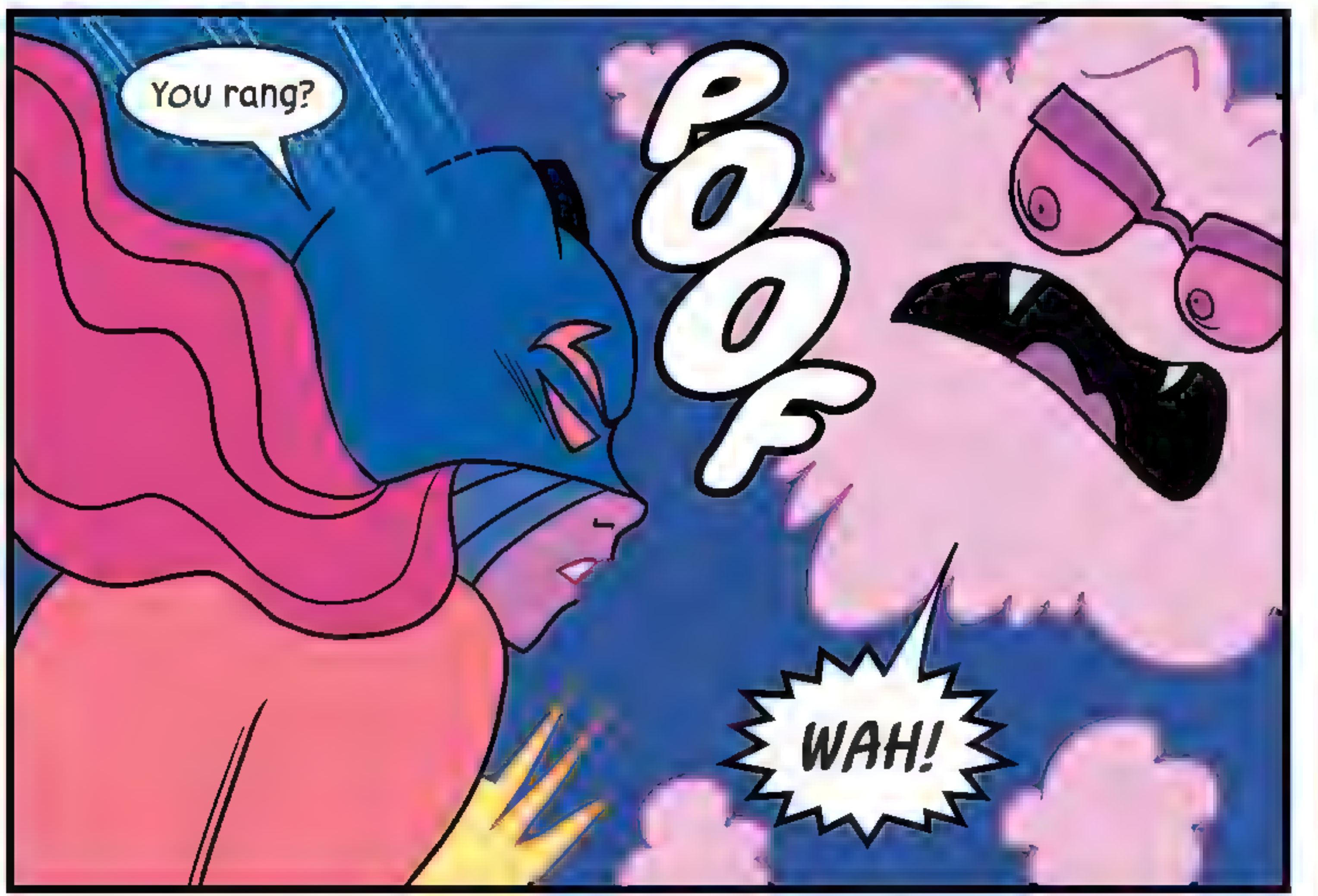
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GOES!

YAH!







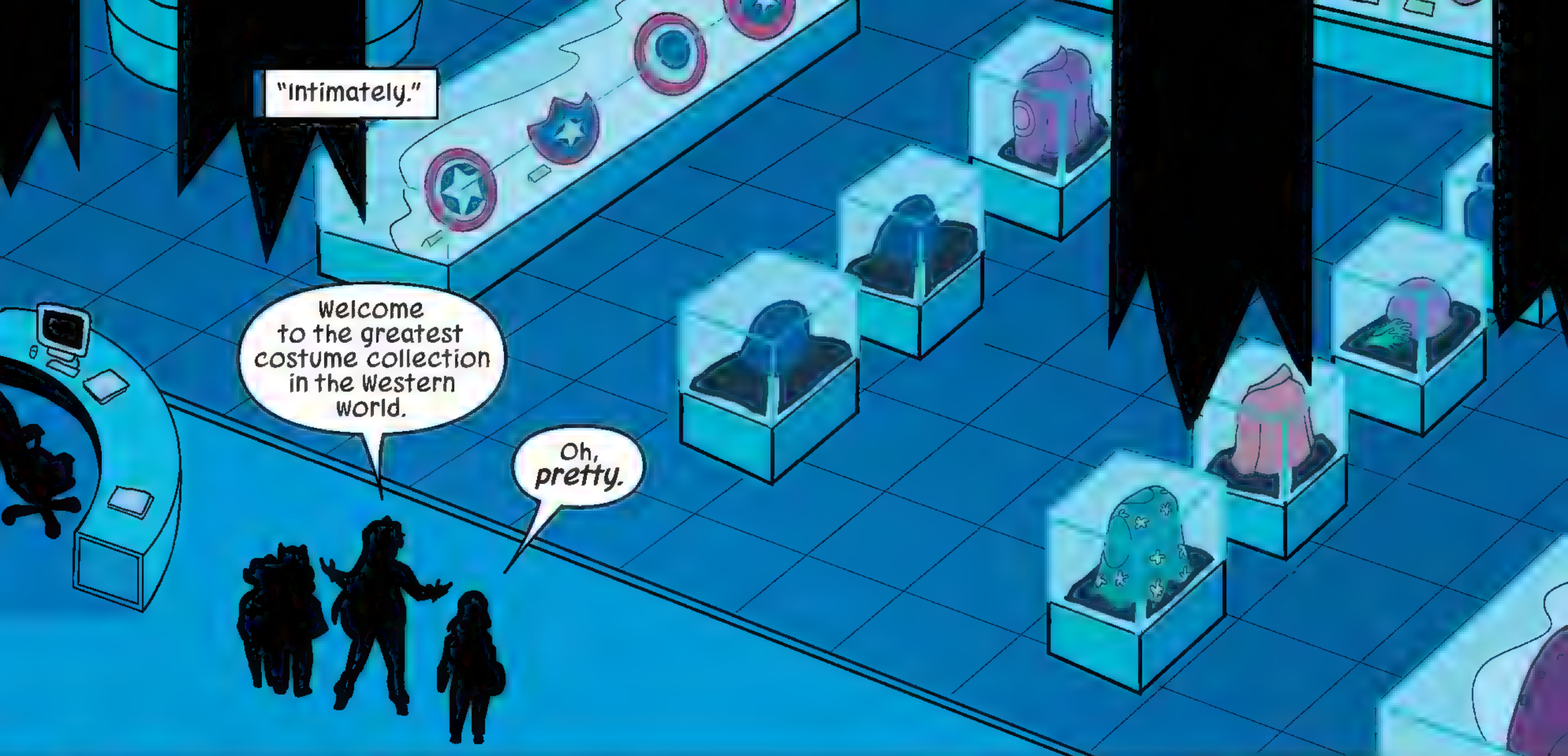




I thought
I'd slip into
something more
comfortable.

No
way!

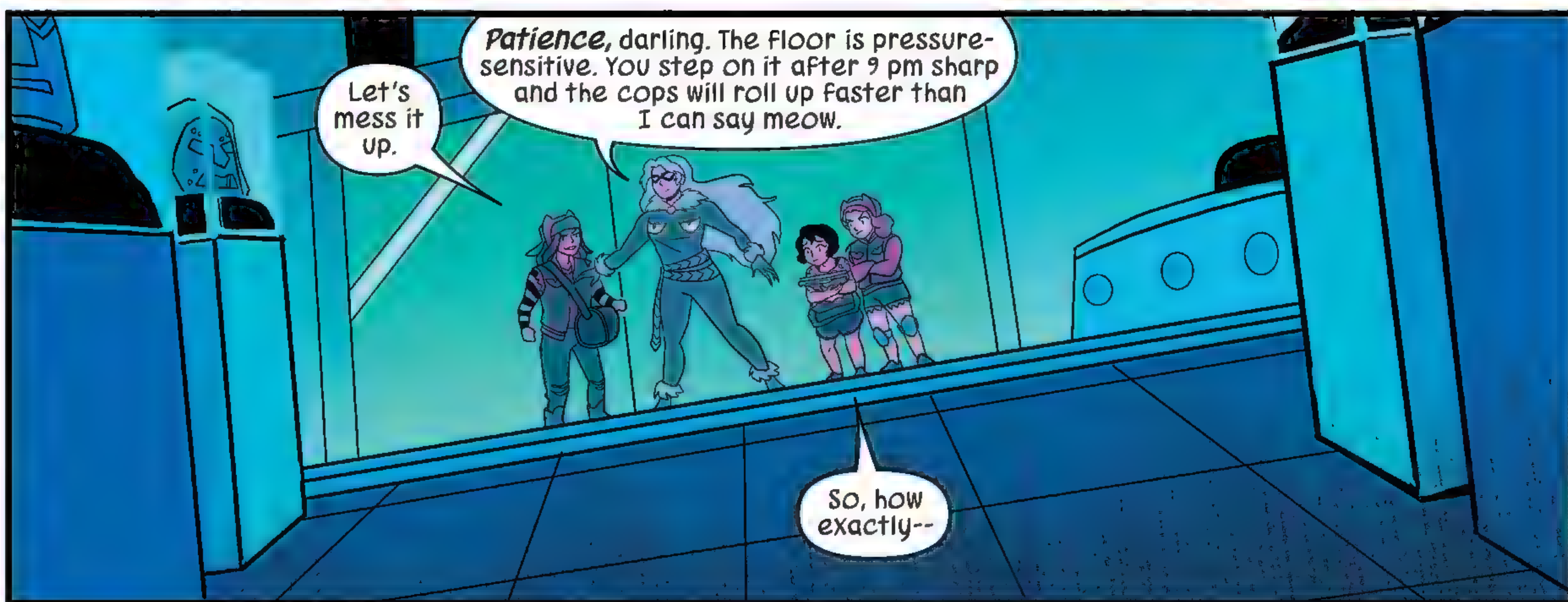




"Intimately."

Welcome to the greatest costume collection in the Western world.

Oh, pretty.



Let's mess it up.

Patience, darling. The floor is pressure-sensitive. You step on it after 9 pm sharp and the cops will roll up faster than I can say meow.

So, how exactly--



HUP!

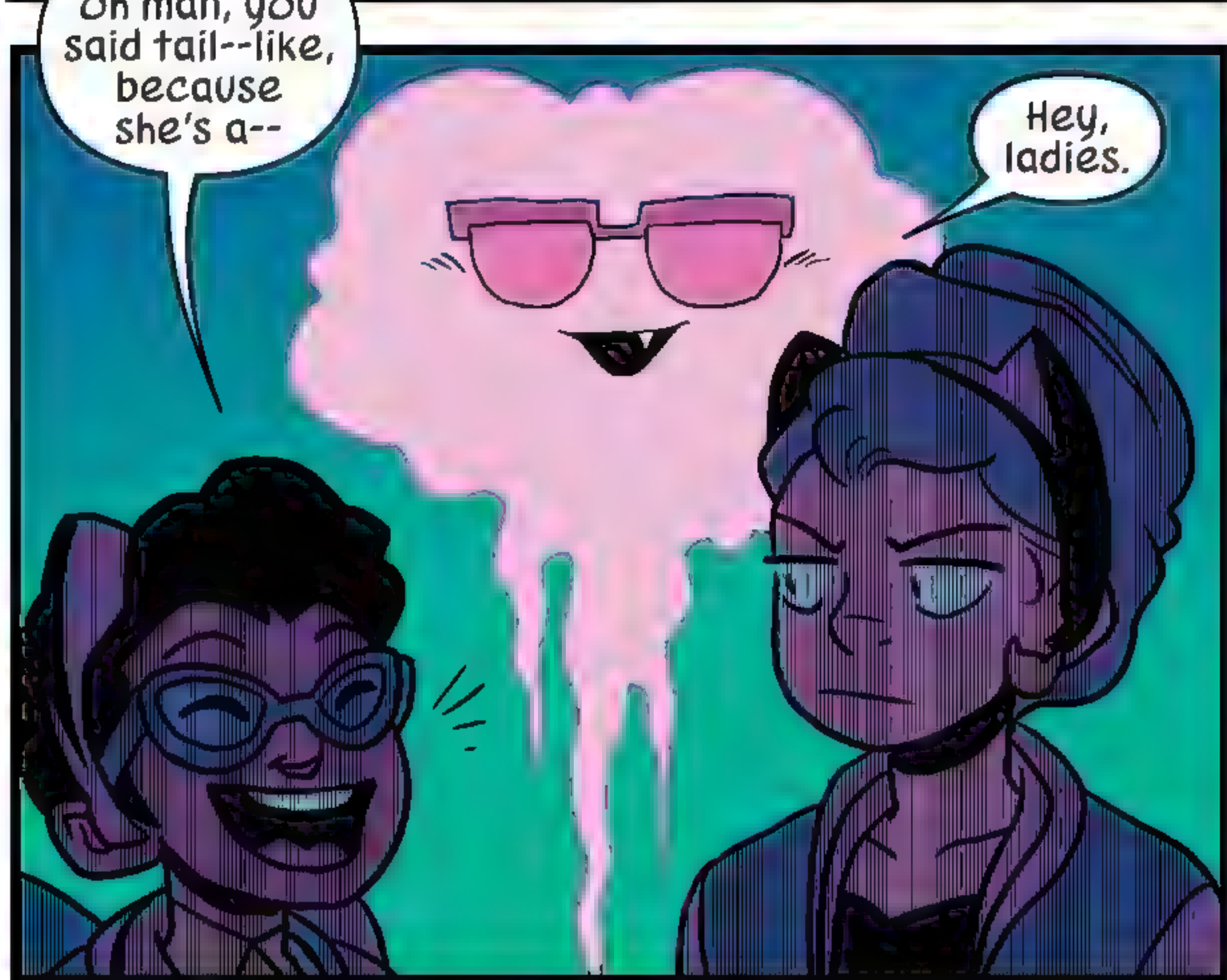


Like so.

SCRRRTCH



Purrrfect.





Now,
the trouble is
finding an outfit
to match.



She's taking
forever. Someone's
going to come.

Relax,
would you?
She's an *expert*
thief. This is
kind of her
specialty.

It's weird,
though...why a
costume show? For
that matter...why us?
Doesn't she have, like,
a whole bunch of
goons at her
disposal?



"Who cares? Long
as we get paid..."



"...I don't care
what she does."

RRRRRR



Zoe, Ari,
we're headed
your way. How
clear is that
coast?



Ixnay
on this way...ay.
Back up. Abort. The
cat is in the
cradle.



Wait,
which
cat?

Patsy!



Oh,
you guys are
so--



HURK!



What the
hell?!

You
killed
her!

I completely
take back what I said!
This is *not* cool!



I'm sure
I can change
your mind.



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HELLO, KITTIES

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What. An. Issue! How amazing did Ian look?! It's been so fun and rewarding watching the way Kate and Brittney have shown him grow as a character over the last 12 issues. Also fun? Those Black Cats! I know they're bad, but they're so cool! Do you think they need an assistant editor in their gang? Hopefully that, and other burning questions, will be answered by Kate below!

Hello HELLCAT Team!

I wanna thank you for this amazing series, I fell in love since the very first issue (by that I mean the very first PAGE :v). I've always been keener toward reading female heroes--I just find them more interesting and colorful, and Patsy is no exception. That's one of the main reasons I love this book so much, plus you stuff it full of other "sheroines"--I love it; from Valkyrie to Jubilee and even Kate Bishop once. (She's my longtime fave, please have her again!) Can't wait to see the "catfight" vs Felicia (another longtime fave baddy). You girls are the best.

P.S. Here's a painting I did for my art class, inspired by the variant cover of issue #1.



Your friendly neighborhood Hellcat lover,
Rodri Ramírez!

Oh, wow, Rodri! That's BEAUTIFUL! You did an absolutely killer job. I hope it's hanging up somewhere it can intimidate local villains. You can bet our book will always be chockablock full of cool ladies. What ELSE would we do?!

Dearest Kitties,

I am in love with this book. The spirit of Soule's SHE-HULK book rings true in PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT!, while being unique to this creative team. Even with Jen out of the book now, her presence is still very much there, as if Patsy has a bracelet inscribed with WWJWD. The issue where they grieve for Jen was powerful and honored Jen's character in the best way. I treasure character over plot, and this book gives the utmost quality in both! You've found a wonderful balance of fun and gravitas filled with queer and POC representation, and it's the book that we all need. And cheers to the newest recruit, Jubilee! May she finally get to kiss some ladies!

For Kate's birthday, I wanted to create some fan art (at her general request to THE CYBER).

It's done with colored pencil and black permanent marker. What better way to connect a cat-themed U.S. super hero with a Canadian than with bags of milk? Other than drawing Margaret Atwood with a clowder of cats, probably nothing. It's my way of celebrating Kate's Canadian origins and our beloved Hellcat.



Lovingly,
S.E. Andres

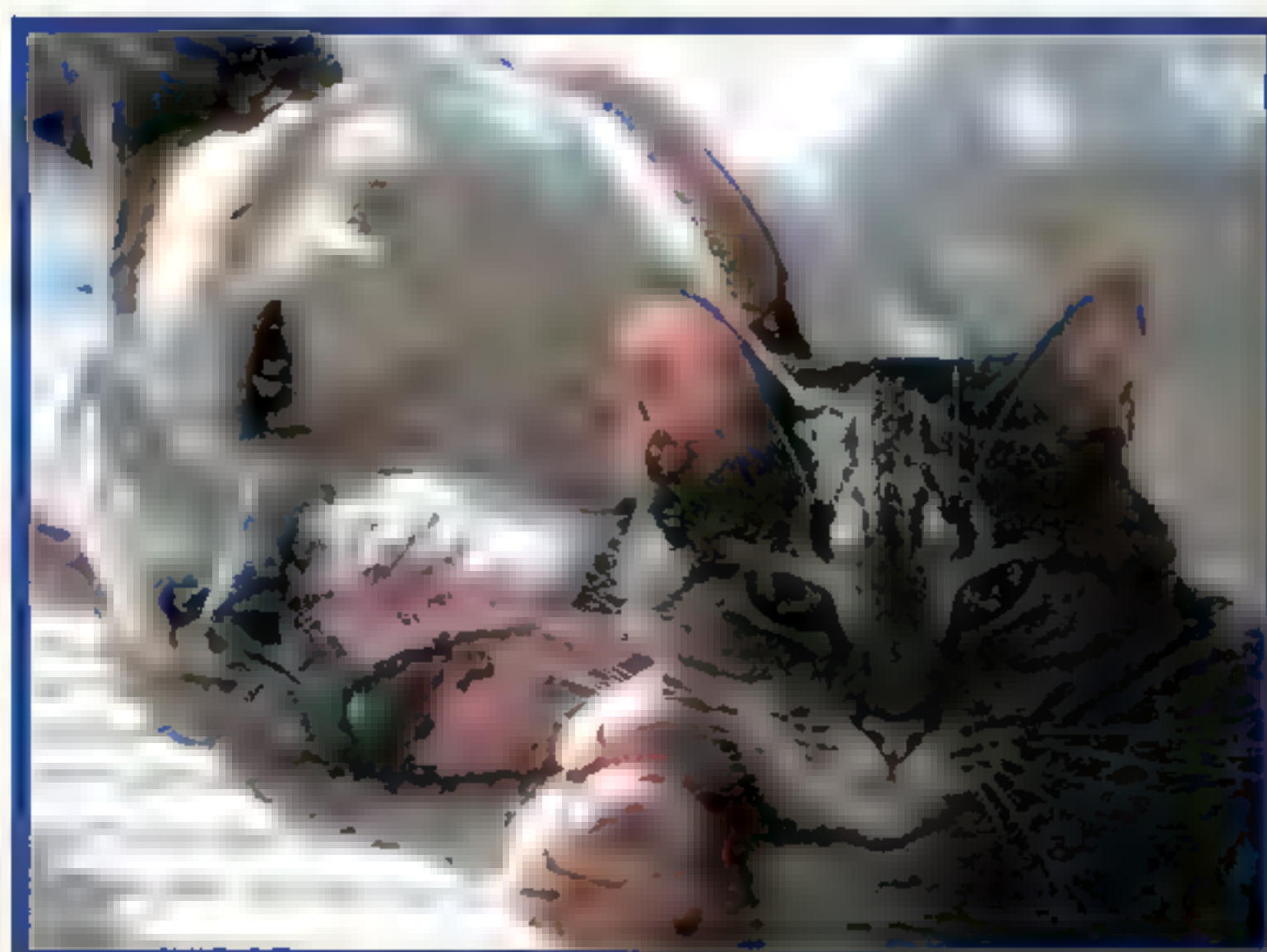
Ahhahaha, oh my WORD. I'm so glad to have my Canadian nonsense involved in HELLCAT. Thank you for the art!! (To the rest of you--send us your fan art and cosplay! We'd LOVE to print it!) As for the book, all I can say is a big thanks, and you KNOW if I had my way, everyone would kiss everyone. Hehe. Until that day...keep readin'!

Hell-Kitties,
I've been buying this book since #1, initially to see where you were going with it, but now because you are doing a magnificent job with some great and underused characters.

Kate: You're brilliant and you made Tom Hale sing "Poor Unfortunate Souls."

Brittney: Wow! I'm so sold on your depiction of these characters. Especially the ones from the old Patsy books. Looking forward to seeing what you do with some darker stuff à la Hellstrom, vampires, Hell, etc.

Obligatory kitty pic attached of Emma with her bulldog mommy, the late, lamented Zoey.



Keep up the great work!

Gary

Gary! You were one of many to point out Tom's choice of song--it is, in fact, the go-to karaoke choice of one of my loveliest pals, James Tynion IV. You should read all his comics, btw. Except the DC ones. I don't think we're allowed to promote those here, or Marvel takes away our lunch money and calls us names. It's unfair, I know! What is this world coming to?!

Hello Team HELLCAT,

I am a 48-year-old man, who's been reading comics as long as I can remember. I had Hellcat's first Avengers appearance during the "Serpent Crown" story and loved her in DEFENDERS. When she came back in the 2000 Annuals I was delighted, and the miniseries was great. I even bought MODELS, INC. and the ALASKA limited series, wanting more. And then, your series came.

I wouldn't have guessed that a whimsical, chibi art series would make much of an impression, but I fell in love instantly. The joy you two put into the stories, the right style for each scene, and the optimism fulfill the character that was always there, but never got her due...until now. Hellcat faces many of the same problems that have plagued Marvel heroes forever, but instead of woe, she maintains a positive outlook that is truly inspiring. My own life has seen many setbacks, and HELLCAT has been a source of encouragement.

I also like the diversity of the characters and the way they are handled both in writing and art. While lighthearted, there are enough heavy elements to keep it from being saccharine. The She-Hulk story in #8 still gives me chills.

My own cat of 16 years, Mulder, passed on not long ago, but I was watching my friends' little pound rescue, Elliot, while they were at a wedding out of town. He's incredible! Someday he may be as big a fan as I am.



So, until Patsy joins the Uncanny Angst-Men, Make Mine Hellcat!

Michael Chadwell

Aw, Michael! This is the sweetest thing! I'm sorry to hear about Mulder--what a perfect name--but glad you still have some kitties in your life. I think they're the key to health and happiness, myself. As for your notes, we couldn't be happier to be filling your life with delightful, sweet comics. As you can see from this arc, things are definitely getting more intense...but, we promise to always have fun. :)

Felines, fun, and fulfillment: that's the HELLCAT promise! Many thanks for the answers, Kate! (Although I resent the implication that Marvel takes our writers' lunch money AND calls them names if they plug the Distinguished Competition--it's usually just one or the other!) And as always, thanks a million for your letters and pictures, Hellcats! I'm looking forward to the inevitable barrage of Telekinian (name TBD) art and cosplay photos!

See you soon!

Kathleen

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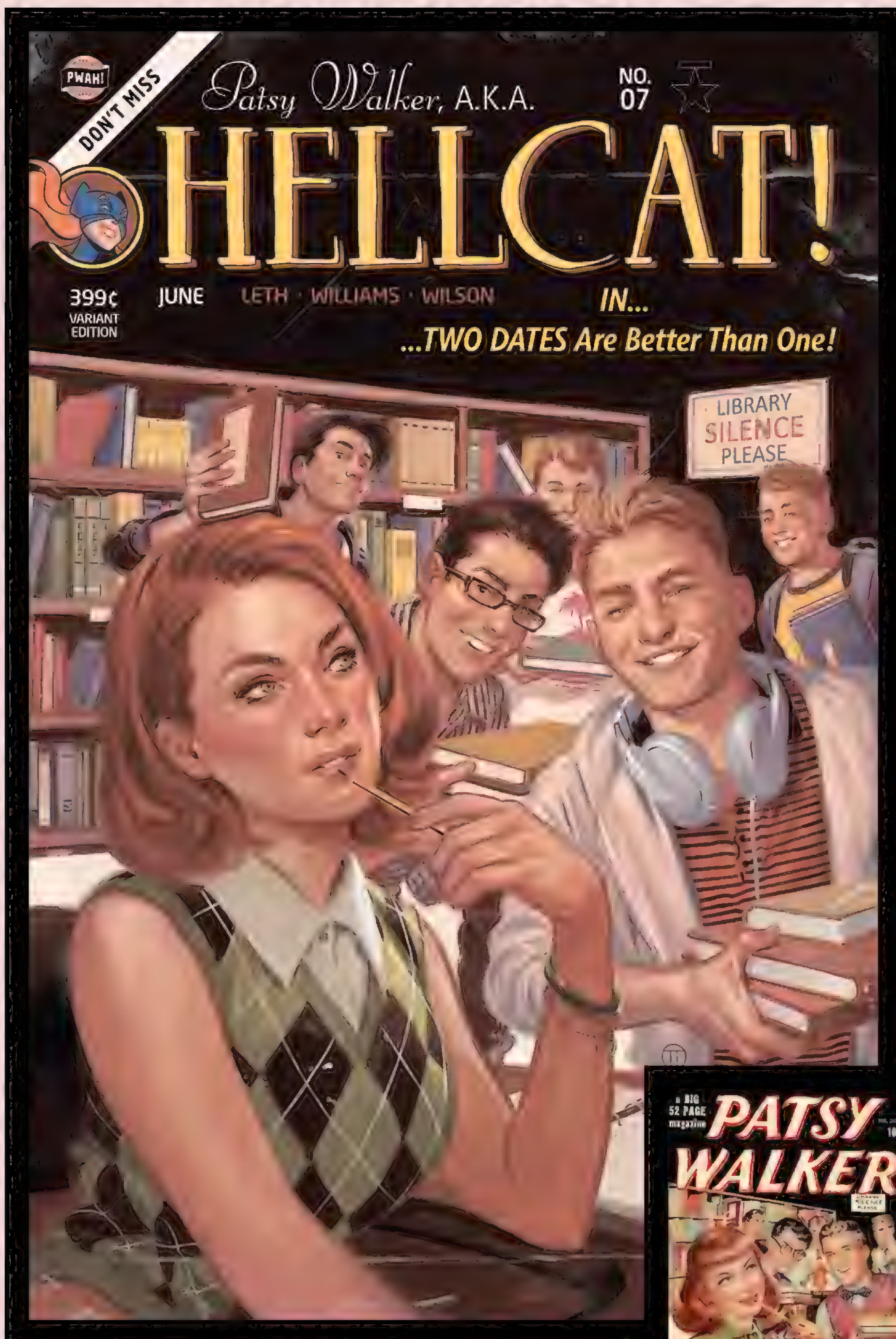


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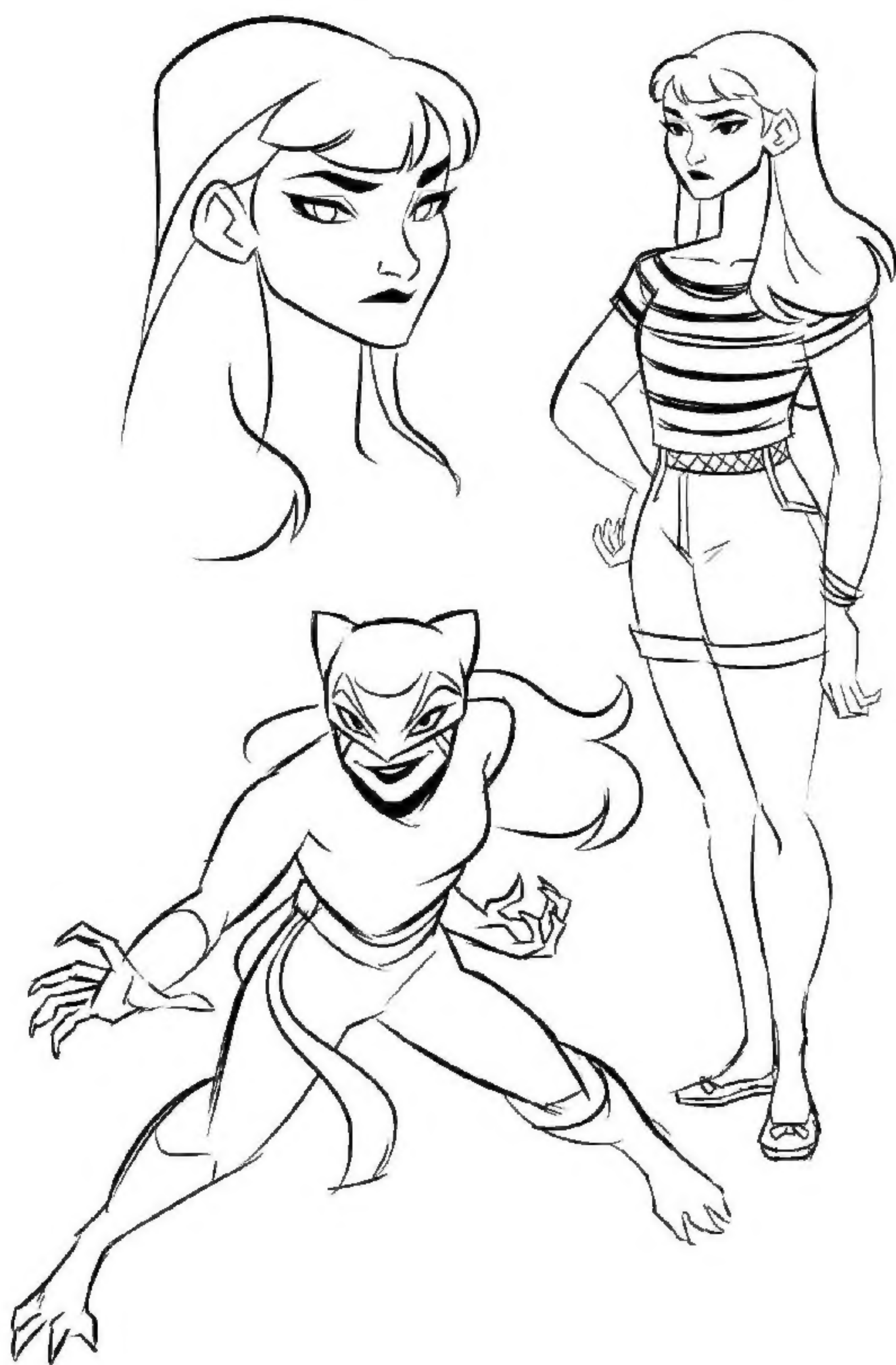
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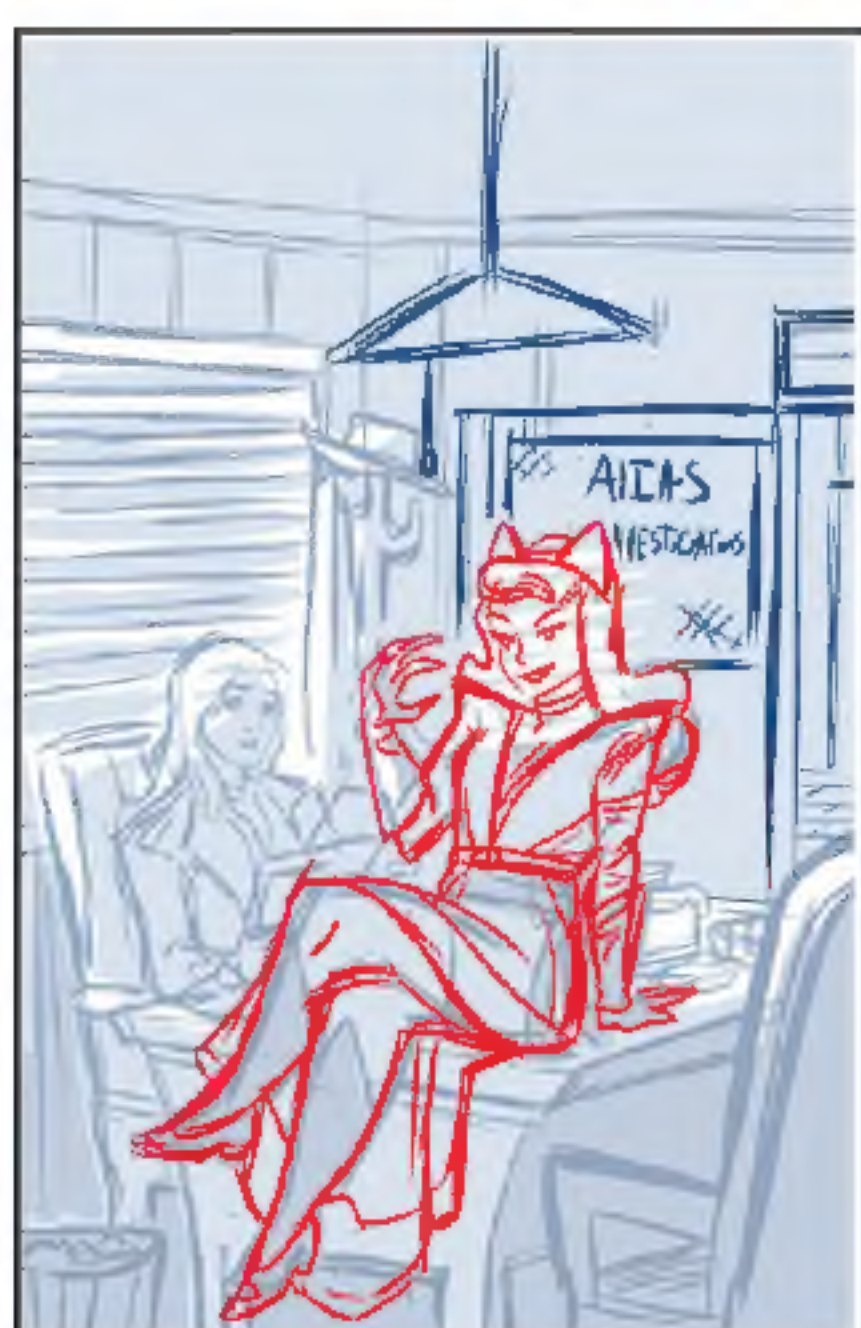
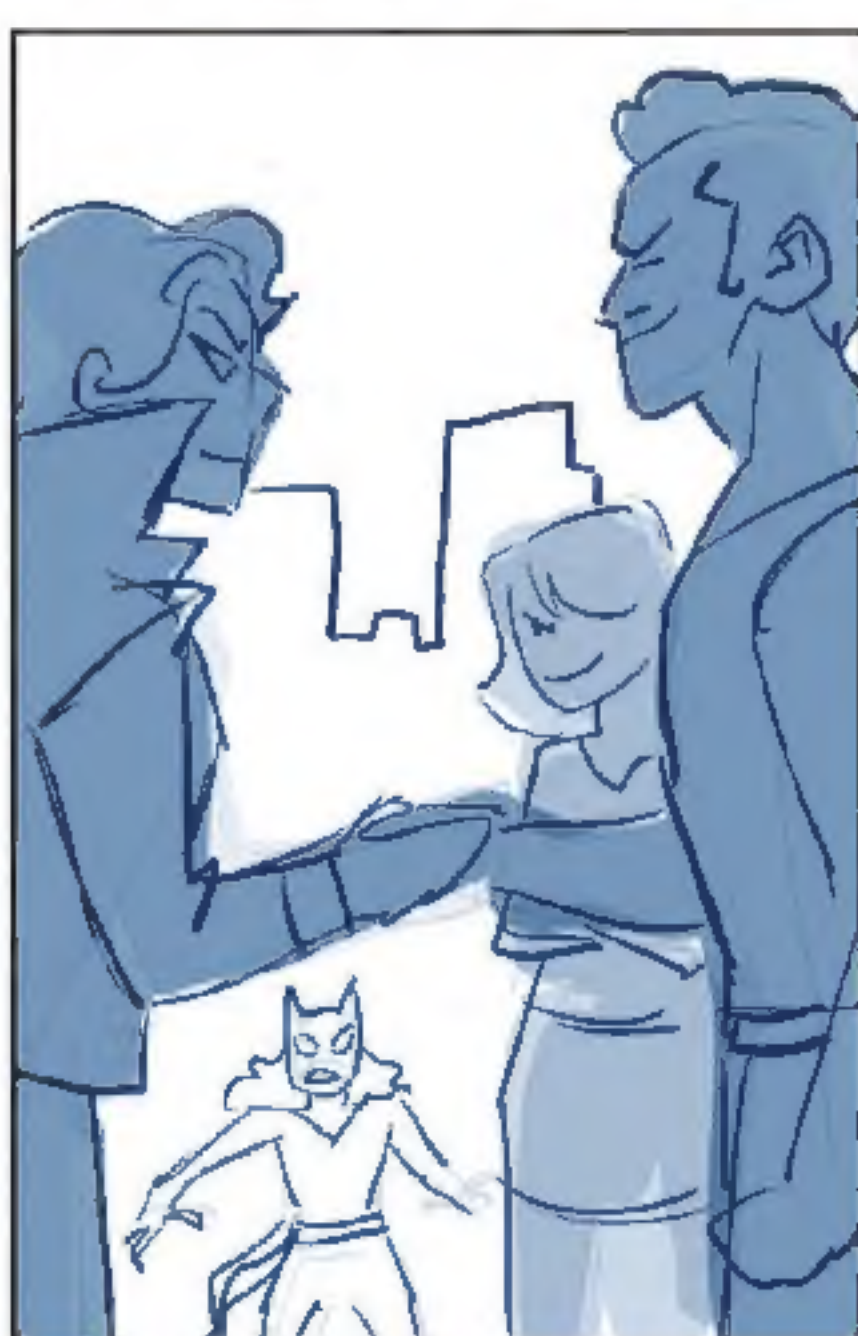
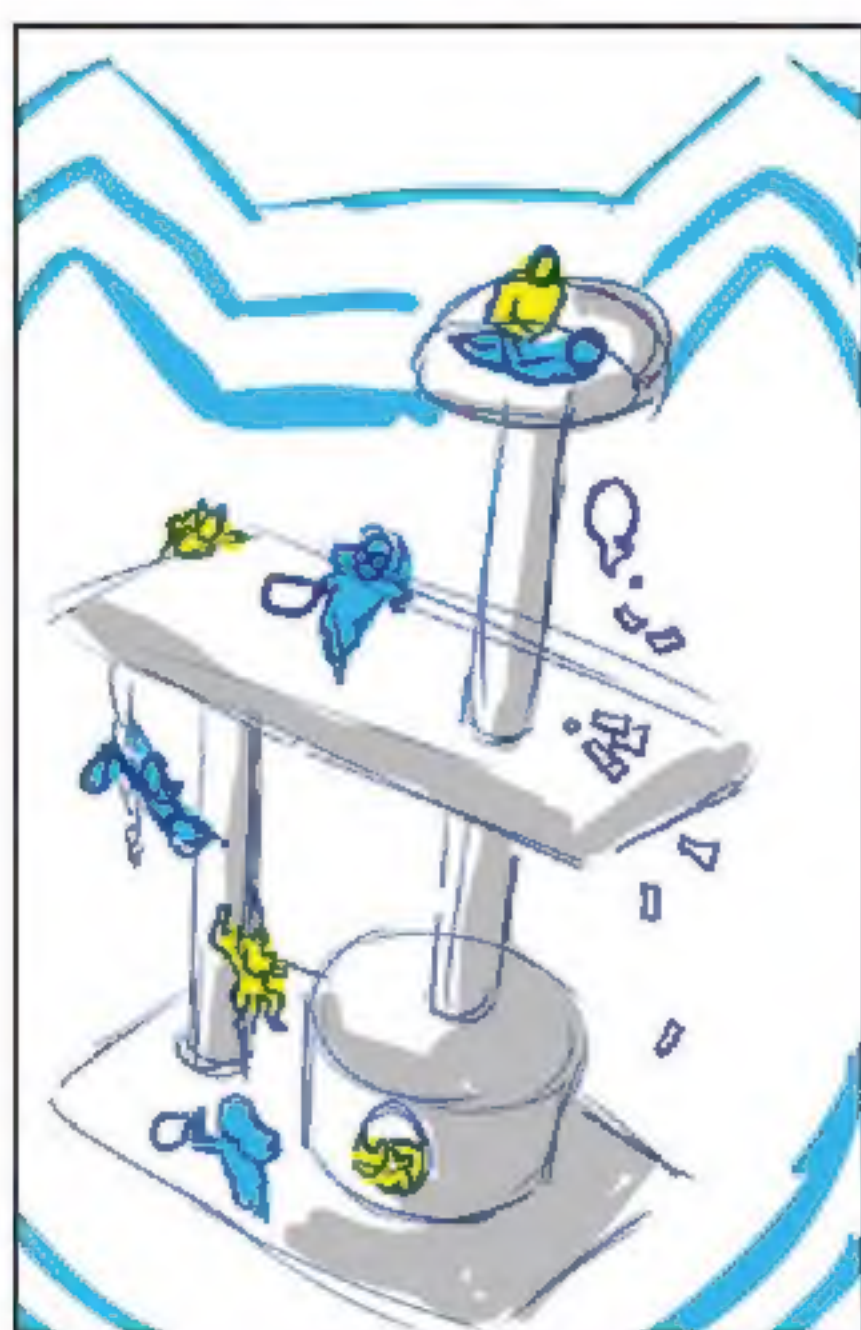


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Tom





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WHEN PATSY WALKER MEETS JESSICA JONES, WILL THEY BE **GAL PALS OR BEST FRENEMIES?**

PATSY will need all the chums she can get when the fallout from *Civil War II* hits close to home – and shows her what it really costs to be a.k.a. Hellcat! Speaking of life's downsides, Patsy is about to face a reunion with her (literally) evil ex-boyfriends – and nobody does boy trouble like she does! Girls can be a handful, too – like when the villainous Felicia Hardy crosses Patsy's path for a knock-down, drag-out, no-holds-barred cat- fight! As in Hellcat vs. Black Cat! But everyone's favorite teenage mutant vampire Jubilee doesn't have "cat" in her name, so what's her stake in all this? (Stake, get it?! Because vampire!) It's claws and fangs at the ready for the ultimate feline feud!

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